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Wednesday, January 1, 1941

1st day — 364 days follow

Hugie & I got home from the dance at 3. Woke up at 9:30 & just about had time to make the bed before time to go to Martha's & John's egg nog party, which was! much the same as usual. It spoiled my appetite for a nice roast beef dinner. Then Tentse & I drove to State College where I sat & served & talked to Gen for a couple of pleasant hours before bringing Ellie home. She had been visiting Jane. I wrote to Tully Appel, Aunt's Maude & Mai & then got Hugie's supper ready. We walked over to say good-bye to Siegie - going to Florida &

Thursday, January 2, 1941

2nd day — 363 days follow

Again it is raining - after such a gorgeous day yesterday. The children all went back to school, poor dears, but it was quiet & peaceful here. I repotted some ivy & bulbs & wrote up my diary when I had neglected it in the Christmas rush. After lunch Martha drove me to the college to Janette's for Reading Club. There were only 7 of us & we finished "The Family". After supper I wrote to Keenie, put the children to bed early & put new collar & cuffs on a sweater for Henry. It is one I traded with Ruthie Waldo whom I was going to ask school!!
Hulgie read to me.

Friday, January 3, 1941

3rd day — 362 days follow

I spent most of the morning mending. After lunch I went to Dick Hoffman's office but by the time my turn came I had to go over to Bo Hegal's office! I was there for an hour in which time he finished up my teeth. Then I went back to Dick & had a most thorough physical exam. He had to give me a little internal treatment which was not very pleasant. I finally walked home at 5:30 & dressed for Uncle Fred coming to dinner - Keenison. Grace & her mother. He didn't stay long - all my time read "Life" Ellen roller skating

Saturday, January 4, 1941

4th day — 361 days follow

Such a beautiful sunny day I decided to wash the six linen sheets used by our guests as well as my usual washing. Hung them outdoors & after lunch the sky darkened & a blizzard came — my poor sheets. When I was able to bring them in they were just right for ironing so I ironed them. Then I found the furnace wasn't running no oil — so I built a fire in the fire place. Had to leave that nice warmth to put manure on a couple of plants — manure having just been sent by Sholomchen. Finally Hugie, Bill, Siego & I dined on turkey at the Lonesome evening — talked.

Sunday, January 5, 1941

5th day — 360 days follow

The usual rush to get to S.S. Another class there untrimmed the tree which caused havoc in my class. Henry, Kiefer & I walked home together in the icy wind — Hugie has car at club. Made beds, put chamber in order etc etc before our sauerkraut dinner. Then I took a little nap before giving Jack a much-needed bath — the worst of it is cleaning up the bathroom afterward. Hugie was at home doing odd jobs I've wanted done for a long time. After supper I looked at Tuss cards & then figured out my accounts. Hugie's sister, worse than mine.

Monday, January 6, 1941

6th day — 359 days follow

Worked my hair - the bore pump came on just long enough for me to do it! And did a big washing slowly without the bore pump. After lunch I bundled myself up & went out to cut off the remaining dead plants & then to sprinkle manure over the flower beds. I did not get cold but I did get tired, as pushing that wheelbarrow around is heavy work. After supper I read "Swamp Water" by Vereen Bell, in the Post until Hugie came home from the vesting meeting and told me of their plans to look for a new minister.

Tuesday, January 7, 1941

7th day — 358 days follow

Spent the morning weeding, by hand & by machine. And after lunch I donned my green costume again and went out in the cold sunshine to finish the job of putting manure on my rock garden, etc. Had a fine clear view of the pick-up mail place at 3:30. It was nice to be out near my flowers again altho they are sleeping for the winter. After supper Hugie took me to see Jean Arthur in "Arizona" which we both enjoyed. Then I finished my story in the Post - it was sad.

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Wednesday, January 8, 1941

8th day — 357 days follow

Had my breakfast in bed & read the Post & napped until lunch time. Then I had to do the ironing. Jo Shaffer came over & sat with me. Peggy Warner came for some little skates I told her about & I had to run up to the attic for them. She couldn't stay for tea which Jo & I had in the laundry while Ellen took my place at the ironing board. I cooked much for supper so this is a right off. Hugie worked at his desk & I read in the den. A letter from Aunt Eva & Uncle Egbert says they are in a home

Thursday, January 9, 1941

9th day — 356 days follow

I felt more like staying in bed today than I did yesterday - but I had to get up & polish all the dining room silver for the Reading club which met here in the afternoon. They brought their squares & we laid them on the floor in good pattern for me to crochet them together. We started "The Voyage" by Charles Morgan, but I didn't get my mind on it. I gave them egg & cheese sandwiches which they enjoyed. Hugie at the club to dinner so I ate more sandwiches at 9 & in the meantime got to work on the Afghan.

Friday, January 10, 1941

10th day — 355 days follow

When I came down stairs Jack was sweetly sleeping in a nest made of the afghan squares! Later I straightened them out & went on ^{with} the seemingly endless job of patching them together. Mary & Peg offered to help but I phoned them not to come — I wanted peace & quiet — & then I fell asleep on the job. Ellen woke me, coming from school & made tea for me — sweet child. After supper Bugie took me to see Fred Astaire with Paulette Goddard in "Second Chorus" — but Fred only danced twice. Orchestrated when we got home.

Saturday, January 11, 1941

11th day — 354 days follow

I did my washing and swore at the bore pump which is still out of order. After lunch I dulled Ellen got fixed up in her new skating outfit & off she went to Bugie's field to skate. I got to work on the afghan and soon Martha joined me with her Red Cross knitting. Mike had tea with us, having tired of watching Ellen skate! After supper I continued to crochet while Bugie worked in the basement on odd jobs. He seems to feel so well & good humored, but he still has acidity.

Sunday, January 12, 1941

12th day — 353 days follow

The children + I went to S.S. as usual. Then I did chores until dinner time. After dinner Hugie took Mike + Henry + Jack for a walk up the mountain + Ellen went skating. I worked on the afghan until I got tired + then gave the laundry a good cleaning. And then went back to the afghan. Ellen came in all glowing + told me of the remarks the boys make about her costume. We built a fire in the fire place to warm the walls when they came in. Toasted marshmallows. Hugie writing letter to our church.

Monday, January 13, 1941

13th day — 352 days follow

Another big washing-
goal, this family gets
dirty. At lunch time I
got a nice long letter
from Mary saying how
she enjoyed her visit.
She is a nice sister-in-law.
Then I thought to take a
nice little nap, but Grace
woken me up 1 1/2 hours later.
She brought needlework
Guild data as I have to
send in a report. When
she finally left I got to
work on it + Henry took
it to the P.O. After supper
I put away the wash
+ then settled down to
finish that afghan. I
did, too, with a nice edge.

Tuesday, January 14, 1941

14th day — 351 days follow

I figured out my bills and went down town to pay them. Hugie met me at the H. & P. where as usual I acquired large & bulky bundles. After lunch I did my ironing and watered my plants with vitamin B₁ again. It seems to help the violets. After supper I took Ellen to Scouts & had to wait with her in the cold dark alley until someone came. Later the boys helped me untrim the Christmas tree. I always hate to see it go. Later Hugie & I called on the Schwartzes

Wednesday, January 15, 1941

15th day — 350 days follow

I transplanted a couple of plants for my windows & dyed a pair of Ellen's under pants red to go with her skating costume and got the guest room ready for guests. In the afternoon I sewed by machine two flannellette nightgowns for the Red Cross and was feather stitching them when Hugie brought Father & Mrs. Thomas of Waynesboro to the house. The three went to the hotel for dinner with the Kistey & I ate cereal, but later Mrs. Thomas came to sit with me. We knitted (I, booties for Red Cross) & I liked her very much. They spent the night here.

Thursday, January 16, 1941

16th day — 349 days follow

Had breakfast with the Thomases - I do hope they will come here to be our rector. They left in snowstorm at ten & soon after Hugie phoned that Father Sherwood would be here to lunch! So I helped Eva Jean with the upstairs cleaning. Fr. Sherwood was here for a funeral. He has been sick so he took a nap on the davenport until his train time & I went to Mary Craigs to Reading club. Took the afternoon with me. And knitted another bootie. After supper we were feeling relieved at having us one of the clergy with us when Bill walked in - Cat still in Fla. I needle pointed.

Friday, January 17, 1941

17th day — 348 days follow

Got up without ambition & soon realized my weary feeling was due to my plan of mending today. In the morning I sat upstairs & mended sweaters & knickers & after lunch I settled in the living room to darn twenty pairs of stockings. It was a long & tiresome job, but I interrupted it to read "Life". After supper I helped Henry with a composition for English & pasted papers on more match boxes. Then I joined Hugie in the library & we listened on the radio to a prize fight.

Saturday, January 18, 1941

18th day — 347 days follow

I did my washing and was very much amused by Henry & Mike cleaning out the play house which was infested by mice. They caught some & put them in a box to be drowned, including a nest of babies. After lunch I was putting sealing wax on match boxes when Jack got out. Ellen found him & after a while he got all shaky & queer & sick at his stomach. He brought up a great long piece of bacon rind. He could not stand up & his eyes rolled & I thought he was going to die. Huggie wouldn't pay much attention & by the time he got home Jack was better. ^{He mended & washed Jack.}

Sunday, January 19, 1941

19th day — 346 days follow

Jack is much better today, altho still a bit shaky. The children & I went to Sunday School. Made beds etc. After dinner I got Ellen to sit while I made a pastel of her. But there is some thing not right about it. Not surprising, seeing that she never sat still & often made faces. When it grew too dark I read the Sunday papers. After Huggie & I had eaten a late supper, the Sloffers came in — arguing that Pete should stop drinking just to show he can. But I don't think he can.

Monday, January 20, 1941

20th day — 345 days follow

I got up early to take Ellen to school as she wasn't feeling up to the walk. I did my washing and fixed up a little stool that the mice had chewed in the play house. Had to hang the wash after lunch & then did some measuring & finally walked down town in the cold sunshine & went to Hagie's sale. Brought Ellen home in the car with me & she & Henry & I had tea! Taught her & Mike how to knit. Mike does the better! After supper Hagie & I went to a dull Parish meeting & then to the Purnells to get warm.

Tuesday, January 21, 1941

21st day — 344 days follow

Henry has a cold & Hagie said he should stay at home. While I was putting new garters on my girdle (the old ones chafed me) Henry has asking me questions about his crazy "guidance". Later I took our afghan to Mrs. Harrison Walker & found she was in hospital with broken ankle. In the afternoon I did my ironing with Henry making boats down there. Just as I finished Siegie came over & later we had a cocktail. After supper I needle pointed while the children pestered around & while Hagie worked at desk.

Wednesday, January 22, 1941

22nd day — 343 days follow

Thursday, January 23, 1941

23rd day — 342 days follow

Friday, January 24, 1941

24th day — 341 days follow

Saturday, January 25, 1941

25th day — 340 days follow

Sunday, January 26, 1941

26th day — 339 days follow

Monday, January 27, 1941

27th day — 338 days follow

Tuesday, January 28, 1941

28th day — 337 days follow

Wednesday, January 29, 1941

29th day — 336 days follow

Thursday, January 30, 1941

30th day — 335 days follow

Friday, January 31, 1941

31st day — 334 days follow

Got the children off to school & after breakfast Augie brought Eva Jean. Bess was I glad to see her! Showed her the new radio, etc, etc & listened to her tale of her illness, etc, etc & finally went down in the cellar to paint that little stool I've been wanting to paint for a week. It took me well into the afternoon to finish it & then I went with Bess to see Martha Luntin's cute baby. After supper Augie & I went over to the Siegs to play pool & ping pong with the Purnells & some friends of theirs from Md.

Saturday, February 1, 1941

32nd day — 333 days follow

Jane Wallace is here with Ellen for the week-end — they were all up early coasting! I did my washing without Ellen to help with the hanging. After lunch I rested for a while & then went to the cellar to press one of Ellen's skirts & my needle point — the latter quite a job having to be stretched & tacked to Hurup's work table. After supper Jim Craig called up & asked them to come there to coast. Hugie & the kids were out having a fine time. They didn't come — I phoned & found they were expecting us there to play bridge!! So we went down for a while longer.

Sunday, February 2, 1941

33rd day — 332 days follow

S. S. and all as usual — and it is great having Eva Jean back to cook the dinner. Jane still with us. At three Hugie & I picked up (at Love's Car Sieg (Bill away) & went to Pleasant Gap to the Kollo to coast & toboggan. It was lots of fun. Then we had a sauerkraut supper in their barn. The man from Ind. Lay Phillipps dared me to walk up the mountain with him in the moonlight — so I did. It was hard work in the deep snow & keeping out of reach of his kisses! But I did. Later we played ping pong & pool at the Sieg's with sluffs

Monday, February 3, 1941

34th day — 331 days follow

Stiff & sore & tired from my coasting & mountain climbing yesterday. But I did a big washing some how. After lunch I went to Mrs. Bibbles to get a lamp shade but when I got home all I wanted to do was take a nap so I did. When I finally had enough of that I went down to Hurry's work bench & started ripping a Chippendale chair seat apart. Boy, it was dusty. I tightened the webbing and after supper — Music at rotary meeting — I put all the layers on again with my beautiful needle point on top. Done.

Tuesday, February 4, 1941

35th day — 330 days follow

I thought I'd do just a few chores, like cleaning boys suits & mending before settling down to the work of the day. But before I knew it it was lunch time. So it was afternoon before I started painting a shade for the old brass lamp in the living room. It seemed a long time before the flowers began to take shape. Ellen came from school & very kindly started ironing for me while I finished the shade. So after supper I had only the shirts to do. Nice girl.

Wednesday, February 5, 1941

36th day — 329 days follow

I went down town as soon as my chores were done. Paid my bills & attended to a long list of shopping. Hugie met me at the A. P. store with Ellen at lunch time. I had brought home pieces of chintz for a slip cover for Heini's chair & when I had decided on one I got in a spot to come out & cut it off. I planted some in I had bought & then made sandwiches & at five Hugie & I ate them in the car on the way to the college boxing matches - Syracuse beat State, both freshman & varsity & then West Virginia beat State at basket ball - but we enjoyed the whole trip.

Thursday, February 6, 1941

37th day — 328 days follow

Couldn't seem to settle down to any one of the dozen things I should be doing. And so the morning passed before I knew it. In the afternoon there was Reading club at Deborah's. I ate my fill of her good sandwiches as Hugie was out to supper - at the club. I wrote to Beau & to Mary D. Reynolds who had an operation not long ago. Then, drinking cocktails I started to write a book! - but Siegie & Jo came in soon & I chatted with them & knitted & gave them a couple of high balls until Hugie came home.

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Friday, February 7, 1941

38th day — 327 days follow

I stayed in bed this morning & the mail plan obliged me by missing the bag about four times & I could watch it from bed. Then I tried to sleep but Evagran had the radio going full blast. In the afternoon however when every one had left the house I found peace & quiet. I knitted a pair of booties for the Red Cross. And read the Life Magazine. The boys came in & talked to me. Ellen went to mom's & had supper down town before her choir meeting. Nogie worked at his desk. His sister is returning & my insides aren't right — a pain of wipples.

Saturday, February 8, 1941

39th day — 326 days follow

Fel worse today than I did yesterday but I had to get to work on my washing. After lunch I took a nice nap, having got rid of everyone except Ellen who had Rosella up to play. Deborah woke me by phoning to ask about altar flowers for Mrs. Billie's brother's funeral. I'll be glad when we have a minister. I was knitting booties when Nogie walked in with Fred Reynolds!! We had a cocktail & family gossip. After supper Nogie & I went down to see Fred & Niece Fred, who has a cold.

Sunday, February 9, 1941

40th day — 325 days follow

Children & I went to S.S. as usual. I had to talk to Mr. Ingram about the Bradley funeral arrangements, etc. Then I stopped in to ask Fred about those little matches I decorate. No more in this country. Finally got home, no hurry as Hugie wasn't going to church — taking a rest. Made beds, etc. After dinner I put stumps on the little booties & then napped. Was awakened by Mr. & Mrs. Martin from across the street, calling. My niece — gave them a drink, Hugie did. Worked on Ellen's picture again. Started red needle point after supper. Hugie reading —

Monday, February 10, 1941

41st day — 324 days follow

Was late getting up & late getting to my washing so nothing went right! Especially as I kept tinkering with Ellen's picture which isn't right either. After lunch I had to hang the washing — millions of soap & then sat down in the play room & finished that picture — got Ellen to my liking. So I immediately framed it. Then I shellacked the lampshade & stool I'd painted — gave my boy a bath, etc. etc. After supper I had to go to an auxiliary meeting. Quite a nice businesslike one. Home early wrote up my neglected diary.

Tuesday, February 11, 1941

42nd day — 323 days follow

Got started as early as I could on the slip cover for Heinie's chair. It is not as easy as it looks. After lunch I started working it with Jack insisting on lying on pieces of it which would get on the floor - slung in my way, but I done that dog. I had to take time out to pet him & to look at the sun on the snowy mountains - so supper time came before I had finished. And after supper I had to go to a church card party - the two Ceto & Deborah went with me & it was really nice.

Wednesday, February 12, 1941

43rd day — 322 days follow

While doing my ironing I washed five bedsheets and five pairs of curtains. After lunch I had to finish the ironing & then started to iron the curtains. I got out three new pairs that Ma had bought just before she died & put them in Ellen's & guest rooms. My legs got tired & I sat down to read under story in Post, but fell asleep! I had to cook supper too - Ellen down at church supper for choir boys. Finally with the aid of a quinine tonic I finished the chair. Poor Hagie is suffering so, mentally & physically with cystitis.

Thursday, February 13, 1941

44th day — 321 days follow

I dusted the blinds up-
stairs & then polished
some silver downstairs.
After lunch I took Hugie
& Elley down town & then
picked up Jo, & the two
Cats & took them to State
College to Reading club
at Gen's. We started yet
another book — "Sapphira
& the flame girl" by Villa
Cather. It seems more pleas-
ant than "For whom the bell
tolls". After supper I hung
the curtains upstairs —
mended Ellen's coat &
mittens, wrote in diary
& finally settled beside
Hugie in the library to read
the continued stories in Post.

Friday, February 14, 1941

45th day — 320 days follow

My usual chores and
then an unusual one,
that of cutting toe nails
which is quite a process
for me. I fixed some 9
nickels in Valentine's for
the kids. Yesterday I got a
big flowered heart of candy
from Bob & a little one today
from Hug & at lunch ap-
peared another one — one
Henry had made with my
favorite peppermints int.
In the afternoon I waxed
the stairs & hall & polished
the rest of the silver. At
supper we had a Valentine
box that Mike had made.
Henry had put some in for
himself! Hugie taught H. & E.
the game of pitch.

Saturday, February 15, 1941

46th day — 319 days follow

Did my washing & a little ironing too. After lunch I made guest room bed, etc. for Olive & Raleigh Cliffe who are coming to spend the night. Then I was able to take a nap before they came. I gave them some tea in front of the fire until it was time to dress to go to the Siegs for cocktails before going to the dinner dance at the club. Very thing very nice there — a good dance. When it was over we went to the Ship for chop suey & more drinks. Pete was discouraged about his work, looked badly. Home at 2:30

Sunday, February 16, 1941

47th day — 318 days follow

Raleigh was downstairs first & I took him down town when the kids & I went to S.S. Only two in my class & I felt like the dickens anyway. Made beds while Olive planned & then she & I needlepointed. After a nice roast beef dinner the Siegs, Warkins & Winifred came to see the Cliffes & stayed till they left for Hershey at 4. Then I went to the club with Belle & Hegie. Hegie, Jack & I walked up the poor tree-decided front stream. After a late supper we read the papers & went early to bed.

Monday, February 17, 1941

48th day — 317 days follow

I got up promptly & took Ellen to school in the car. Later I did a great big washing. After lunch Siegie took me out to Artie Foreman's, where I rescued my needlepoint (all dirty) from the stool he's been fixing since Dec! She came in for a while when we came home but later I dyed the cover for the red chair in living room & cleaned needlepoint with gasoline. After supper Siegie went to a meeting. I read a bit & then turned on our cute little radio & did some mending. Siegie now wants to go to feed these (sickies) days.

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Tuesday, February 18, 1941

49th day — 316 days follow

Cleaned the boys suits & put things in order up stairs before waxing the steps again — somebody makes a wreck of them every time I get them shined. In the afternoon I did a great big ironing. It took me from two till six with time out only for a cup of tea in the kitchen with Ellen. She sat in the laundry untangling some wool for me & I enjoyed her company. After supper Siegie, Ellen, Henry & I played pitch. They are learning fast. Later I wrote to Beane & in diary.

Wednesday, February 19, 1941

50th day — 315 days follow

Poor Hugie suffers so with this cystitis. He had to go 12 times during night!!!

I spent most of the morning cutting a shirt for Henry out of one of John Lewis'. After lunch I read the Post until Martha came then she sat with me while I stitched the shirt by machine. Ellen joined us for tea. Martha didn't approve of my pleasant slippers & pinned them, which I wear all the time. I cooked supper. Tried to find something interesting in old diaries for Henry's biography. Finished shirt & read more of the Post

Thursday, February 20, 1941

51st day — 314 days follow

Hugie is now taking sulfa therapy for his ~~acute~~ cystitis. I hope it helps. I prepared for my guests & cut out another shirt for Henry. After lunch I cleaned the needlepoint from the little stool & went to Reading Club at 4:30. I was glad I had as my guests didn't arrive until five — Fr. & Mrs. Thomas. He & Hugie & Mr. Richards (from N. Y.) went to Uncle Fred's. But she had supper with me & then the heads of the various women's organizations in the church came to meet Mrs. Thomas. It was kind of stiff until Mr. Tolbot, drunk, fell in street.

Friday, February 21, 1941

52nd day — 313 days follow

Hugie + I had breakfast with the Thomases at 8:30. even mid grade! We sat at the table, talking a long time + then they packed up + left. He is quite a chatter box. I did my dress + stitched another shirt for Harry. At 2:30 Siegie took me to Tui's school to see a play he + Billy were in. Then I met Ellen + we had a milk shake + sat + went to see "Gone with the Wind". I enjoyed it just as much this time as I did the first. Ellen thought it was wonderful. At 8 we got out + Hugie came for us. We ate a little supper. Then I finished the shirt + ^{meat} ^{"Life"}

Saturday, February 22, 1941

53rd day — 312 days follow

Did my washing and made up a verse to go with Martha's birthday present - mitten pot holders. After lunch Hugie took me to State College. First we saw our team beat Minnesota at gymnastics which I enjoyed very much. Then the freshmen beat Cornell fresh^{at wrestling}. We went to the corner + had a good supper - Bill Sieg there with little Billy. We rushed back + had a hard time finding a seat to see State beat the Army at boxing (lots of officers + wives there) + Cornell at wrestling. We got pretty tired sitting.

Sunday, February 23, 1941

54th day — 311 days follow

A telegram last night from John Eberman. He & Eloise arrived at 12, after I had been to S.S. & made the beds, etc. They had dinner with us & John drove on to Williamsport to see a machine. Eloise & I sat in front of the fire, talking & I got very sleepy & the children didn't seem to know what to do with themselves. At six Eloise helped me get some supper ready & soon John came. At 8 they left to drive back to West Virginia! They brought me some lobster! When they left I relaxed on theavenport & looked at papers.

Monday, February 24, 1941

55th day — 310 days follow

Did my washing and worked on the flower chest for the church. Had to call up a few people about it. I was still hanging the clothes after lunch when the plumber came to fix a leaky radiator & Deborah called me up at the same time. Finally, everything settled I lay down to rest a bit, before endeavoring to get a shirt for Henry (out of one of Uncle Fred's - too small room to spare. After supper Hugué & I went to see "Ramparts We Watch" about 9:14 war - not so good as I expected.

Tuesday, February 25, 1941

56th day — 309 days follow.

Such an awful pile of
mending that I couldn't
overlook it altho there were
other things to be done
that were much more
interesting. In the afternoon
I took Ellen to school &
went to the H.S.P. Then I began
to iron. Siegie came in &
sat with me for a while
& soon after she left Martha
came — so the ironing was
painless. We had tea in the
laundry. After supper I
found I didn't have to
go to church as I expected
& was glad as I feel so
very tired. Talked to Huguie
about new minister who ar-
rived today & did some needlepoint
and embroidery.

Ash-Wednesday, February 26, 1941

57th day — 308 days follow

Ellen & I took Miss Kleuger
to church at 7. Father Thomas
officiating. Later Huguie took
Sobbie Thomas with Richard
Witmer to school. He went to
church at 9. I cut out the 4th
skirt for Henry — out of one of
my Dad's — & began sewing
two of them up. I worked at
them all afternoon with
some good music on radio.
Then gave the machine a
good oiling as reward for
the nice work it had done.
Cooked supper & Ellen & I
went to church — made
Huguie stay home & rest.
Good sermon about moving.
We went over to see the Thomas
for a little while. Nice people.

Thursday, February 27, 1941

58th day — 307 days follow

I got up early because Hugie decided to spend the A.M. in bed. I washed dining room & one living room window. The sunny outdoors smelled good & I longed for spring. Then I rubbed up the oil on a tub. After lunch I took Ellen to school & went to the A.P. Peggy came to Reading Club before I was dressed. There were only 8 of us & not a very exciting meeting — the gossips weren't there. When they left I got the boys ready to go to father's son banquet with Hugie. Later Ellen & I finished R.C. saved wiches. I figured my accounts & read & listened to accounts of banquet.

Friday, February 28, 1941

59th day — 306 days follow

Hugie stayed in bed again & I sat with him to do some darning. When he got up I went to cellar & washed that ill-fated needle point & the little stool. In the afternoon I read "Life" until three when I went to Dr. Hoffman's office. Sat there ~~for~~ before I finally got in for another treatment on my insides. Saw Hugie's car at Reatony & talked to Mrs. Thomas until he was ready to go home. After supper Pete came in for a few minutes. We had a nice fire in fireplace. I had to get Ellen at choir practice. Read Reader's Digest.

Saturday, March 1, 1941

60th day — 305 days follow

Did my washing and tried to take the week-point on the little stool. Quite a job. After lunch I finished it & then got to work stuffing three pillows with more feathers from Heimir's feather bed. I had feathers all over myself & the play room & it took ages to get them cleaned up. Ellen & Mike were down there with me. After supper Hugie played pitch with H. & L. & myself. H. & I won this time. Then the Sheffers came to see us. Jo in a particularly talkative mood. Pete & Hugie rather silent. I was disappointed

Sunday, March 2, 1941

61st day — 304 days follow

Sunday School - but the new recter wasn't there as much as I had hoped. Then I went to church with Hugie - a very nice service by Fr. Thomas. When I got home I found Wayne had made the beds & I was delighted. After dinner I took a little nap until Sigie came over for me to look at a dress of Ann's. Billy came, too & after while old Bill. They stayed till supper time & Ann & Billy stayed to supper! I took them home when I went to the Rectory to a S.S. teachers meeting. It lasted a long time but was quite interesting for a while.

Monday, March 3, 1941

62nd day — 303 days follow

I did my washing and mended the doilie Bean brought me from the last war. I feel like the doilies. After lunch I read a short novel by Sophie Kerr that came in the newspaper regardless of all the other things I should be doing. When the kids came home I had tea with Ellen in the kitchen & then cut out paper for match boxes.

After supper Kingie had a resting meeting — poor fellow still feels like the doilies with this awful cystitis. Helped Henry look for pictures & later pasted match boxes to the tunes of the radio.

Tuesday, March 4, 1941

63rd day — 302 days follow

Mike said his cold was too bad to go to school — so it is cold & windy I didn't argue. Later I went down town to pay bills & buy things for this party. In the afternoon he played in the laundry while I did the washing. I still feel awful — the doctor makes me worse instead of better. Mike read to me while I needle pointed. After supper I did some while Kingie talked of war & inflation — I felt more & more depressed & wished I were in bed but was too tired to get there.

Wednesday, March 5, 1941

64th day — 301 days follow

Mike still didn't want to go to school. He played happily by himself & when I was mending he sewed a V.M.C.A. tag on his sweater! After lunch he wanted to watch me make matches, & tho I didn't feel much like it, I made 4 dozen. He played with the scaling wax & the little lamp & a dozen other things, each one suggesting the next. He is such an independent little cogger & so much within himself. I am anxious to see what he will grow into. I cooked supper. Ellen had a meeting, or else we would have played pitch. Finished *murder story* in *Post*.

Thursday, March 6, 1941

65th day — 300 days follow

Went to church at 9 with ^{Margie & walked home}. Mike managed to go to school in spite of the excitement of receiving presents. I started to clean the play room, but it was long after lunch when I finally finished, and soon Mike & his little friends arrived for the party. Billy, David, Henry & Joan Crawford, Chatty McAllan, Margie Walker & Philip Levine. They played games for prize pencils in the play room. Ellen & Henry helped until their spaghetti supper was ready in dining room. Billy & Philip had a fight. I took them home at 7:30 when Ellen & I had to go to church. Such noise!

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Friday, March 7, 1941

66th day — 299 days follow

At 8:30 I woke to find that
w. had not come (she had
an awful cold yesterday) &
all the kids had got their own
breakfasts & gone to school!
I got some breakfast & then
went back to bed! I read
in the Readers Digest about
Jas Valtin & the Nazi torturers.
Gave the family left overs
for lunch. Then went to R-
club at Winifred's - she did
not arrive until tea time!
But that made no difference!
We had it today because of
a big club luncheon yesterday.
I cooked a pretty good
supper in spite of how I felt
later the Sheffers came over
to see bicycle. Pete got at coat
for Henry.

Saturday, March 8, 1941

67th day — 298 days follow

Still no Eva Jean, but Ellen
& Mike cleaned the house
while I did the washing.
Henry was shovelling the
deep snow which sur-
prisingly fell during
the night - is still falling.
Baked potatoes & poached
eggs for lunch & when all
that was done with I
lay on down port read-
ing "Life" until I fell fast
asleep. Children out door
making an igloo. Man-
aged to fry some ham on
this for supper & then
Kylie & I ventured out
in deep snow to Monico
to see "Virginia" - Madeline
Carron, Fred Mc Murray - technicians.

Sunday, March 9, 1941

68th day — 297 days follow

I went to church at 8 & was only one there until Tom Gunnar & Margaret Bailey straggled in thru the snow. It is beautiful everywhere today. I rushed home to get breakfast & put chicken in oven & then back to S.S. Then I made bread & made jam for dinner but it didn't jell! Finally dinner was on & dishes washed & I was going to lie down, but in came the Thomases! Bobby went out in the igloo with the kids. I needlepointed & tried to talk intelligently — until five o'clock & then Bill Sieg came! So I never did get my nap. After a soggy egg sandwich I read papers & went gratefully to bed.

Monday, March 10, 1941

69th day — 296 days follow

Evagcan back! praise be! I did my washing with a renewed interest in life. After lunch I walked down town, meeting Louise Martin at her door & she helped me pick out dresses for the mission box. I met Mary Craig who helps me carry my bundles to Martha's, where I stop for a cup of tea and an hour's sewing with her. After supper I had to go to the Auxiliary meeting where Fr. Thomas talked to us — he is always talking. Sewed when I got home listening to radio. Myie working on income tax. Ned is about well from cystitis.

Tuesday, March 11, 1941

70th day — 295 days follow

The usual Tuesday of many mean little odd jobs, including giving my furs a shower bath. After lunch I worked at my desk until three when I began to iron. Henry came home & sat with me a few minutes before going out to shovel snow, which is still falling — but otherwise I ironed on & on in silence. After supper I had to go to a mission study class about China at our church. I did not want to go very much. Taped people around in the snow. Turned on radio again & listened.

Wednesday, March 12, 1941

71st day — 294 days follow

Jo Shaffer came at nine to have her portrait painted. She sat very still & we got off to a good start. Hagie went to Will. Iansport to an insurance meeting. After lunch — Jo had it with us — we went back to the portrait & had it all finished & framed by 4 when Siegie & Dottie Ray & see it & liked it. We all had tea. When they left I lay down for a while — cold supper. I was settling down to sew all by myself when Jim & Mary Craig & Phil Ray came in. So we played bridge — Jim & I winning. I gave them drinks & crochets.
very nice evening.

Thursday, March 13, 1941

72nd day — 293 days follow

Hugie dropped me at the church at nine & after the service I went to the H. & P. Coming home with a big bundle who should stop his truck to relieve me of my burden but Bonfatto! Was I embarrassed! Did a few chores before lunch time. In the afternoon I walked to Mary Craig's & Reading Club. We are reading "Random Harvest" by James Hilton. Good. I cooked supper then Henry went to Scout meeting & the rest of us, Mike, too, went to church. Blake Hamm and I took Hamm there. I was peacefully reading "Life" when Henry came home with his glasses broken.

Friday, March 14, 1941

73rd day — 292 days follow

I rushed Henry's glasses to the P.O. as Hugie was staying home to work on his income tax. Later I sent out a pair of pyjamas for Beau. After lunch I read a story in the Post "Sing for a Penny" by Clifford Dowbigy & then got to work sewing up the pyjamas. After supper Hugie got mad about having to take Ellen to choir practice so she stayed home and he went to his office to work. He is most depressed, thinks he's got only 2 years to live & doesn't care. But he has been this way before. I read the Post until bed time.

Saturday, March 15, 1941

74th day — 291 days follow

Did my washing amid the roar of children's voices in the play room. After lunch I went out & scooped up some soft earth sticking out of the snow for my 'flats'. Later I cut the boys' hair & then worked on Bear's pyjamas. Jo & Pete came for the portrait - Pete likes it. Then Ellen walked to the church with me to fix the Altar. I wish Ellen did not antagonize me so often - After supper Huguie was talking about his troubles - he gets so depressed & I can't help him, worse luck. After while we decided to go over to the Sheffers before they went to home.

Sunday, March 16, 1941

75th day — 290 days follow

Ellen & I took Miss Klein to church & brought wagon home. Then the men to Sunday School - H. Thomas told us more about China. Made beds etc. Later after dinner I put initials on Bear's pyjamas & dozed a bit & then Huguie & I went over to call on Martha & John in respect to their present to him on March 6th (game \$5) After supper Huguie & I went over to the Siegs to play pool & ping pong with them & the Sheffers. We had fun, but just as we came home a blizzard hit our bill - much confusion & then Huguie got sick & his stomach.

Monday, March 17, 1941

76th day — 289 days follow

Mike stayed in bed until lunch time & I had a great time washing the mess he made in his bed clothes. Hung the clothes after lunch & then sifted soil & planted cabbage & tomato seeds in my little boxes. A new ironing board arrived from Wnamakans so I covered it in the living room with Mike as my audience. It is covered he has a little temperature! But he didn't go to bed until after supper. Hugie did odd jobs & I stretched out on down port to read the Sunday papers! We went to bed very early - o.

Tuesday, March 18, 1941

77th day — 288 days follow

Kept Mike in bed again and I was in & out of his room with my usual odd jobs. Hugie went to Lewisburg to a meeting. I started ironing in Mike's room before one o'clock & by three thirty had finished just in time for Louise Martin who came over to have me start a needle point for her. I made tea for us & asked her to go with me after supper to the Parrish house to hear Lai-yung Li, a young Chinese from State College, talk about China. He was nice & friendly. Hugie came home then & came to get us.

Wednesday, March 19, 1941

78th day — 287 days follow

Gave Mike a dose of castor oil before breakfast - he did not mind it! Then I amused him by cleaning my ribbon box & giving him the odds & ends. I found some nice pink ribbon (once Ma's, I think) so after lunch I recovered two little baby coat hangers, which I will give to Helen Schwartz next floor. They are very pretty. Then I got all my mending up to date. Mike is feeling better. After supper I finished the story in the Post while Hugie was at a church meeting - then he came to tell me about it.

Happy Birthday, Beau.

Thursday, March 20, 1941

79th day — 286 days follow

Hugie dropped me at church at nine - in the Chapel to save fuel & show that it. Then I went down town to shop at the 5 & 10 - bought a cute housedress for myself. I left my bundles in the car & walked but it was almost noon when I got home. In the afternoon Mike, up, but still at home, & I planted egg plant seeds & I showed him how to weave with the gadget I bought him, then at 3 Henry came (school out early for an Elks' play) & I went over to Martha's & R.C. I cooked artichokes for supper then Henry went to Scouts & Hugie & Ellen to church & Mike to bed & I figured out accounts.

Friday, March 21, 1941

80th day — 285 days follow

Hugie still doesn't want to go to school & it seemed silly to make him go on Friday. So he worked with his beams & I went down to the studio (today) & started a miniature of Ellen on ivory, copying the big picture I made of her. I love working on the ivory. By lunch time I had a good start. It doesn't look like other miniatures, tho - just one of my paintings reduced. I finished it by 4:30 & tho I don't like it as well as the big pastel. After supper Hugie took Ellen to see the elves' play & when the boys were in bed, I settled myself to enjoy "life".

Saturday, March 22, 1941

81st day — 284 days follow

Today would be Max's birthday & if she were here I'd give her the miniature of Ellen in her carved gold frame. I did the washing & hung it out doors for the first time since Lost Ball. After lunch I touched up Ellen's picture a bit. Then Ellis Keller & his daughter Ann came to call! Ann stayed to play with Ellen. They went down town with me later. Then I painted the elms where Hugie had just pruned them. After supper I did a bit of ironing & then we went over to Shaffer's to play bridge. Every body sleepy.

Sunday, March 23, 1941

82nd day — 283 days follow

Took him Ida to church
at 8 — breakfast + a
hurry to get back to S.S.
We walked home in the
nice sun + saw a cardinal
+ a robin. After dinner
Hugie took Ellen + me, Bill
Sieg + Fr. + Mrs. Thomas to
7 mile run where we
walked for miles thru
the woods + deep snow
altho the sun was hot.
It was a very nice walk
+ we had fun bidding
Hugie about the swamps,
etc. He took no thru. After
supper Ellen + I met my
S.S. class at the Rectory
to cut out paper dolls (Bills
for the little S.S. Bed early.

Monday, March 24, 1941

83rd day — 282 days follow

It is raining today
so I had to hang the
wash in doors. No signs
of Spring today. And
I am stiff + sore from
the walk yesterday.
After lunch I packed
up the mission box for
the S. Dakota Indians +
filled out all the papers
there + then went over
to call on Merry Morris.
She has cystitis same
as Hugie! She also has
five cute puppy dogs.
After supper Hugie went
to a hair dresser to have
his bald spot treated!
I needle pointed + listened
to quizzes + plays on radio.

Tuesday, March 25, 1941

84th day — 281 days follow

Went to church at 9. Our
nunciation — then went
to A. & P. — with that large
package I also carried the
church candelabra home
(full of wax) & my arm nearly
broke. Did a few chores
with trembling arms until
lunch time. In the after-
noon I washed F. Thomas's
surplice & then ironed
it & all the rest of my
ironing. Siegie came over
later & we had a high-
ball to help me with the
ironing! After supper we
all had meetings except
Huber so Ev. stayed with him.
I went to P. J. A. meeting for
which Harry's class put on play

Wednesday, March 26, 1941

85th day — 280 days follow

Spent most of the A.M.
cleaning the wax off of
the church candelabras
& polishing them. Much
telephoning about our
trip tomorrow. In the
afternoon I cleaned my
boots, mended etc etc
& started to fix kitchen
curtains but Siegie came
to take me & all my
church brasses & linens
to the church. Then I helped
her select wallpaper.
Ellen was with us. I got
a cold supper & then
Hugie & I went to the
college to see Charlie
Chaplin in "The Great
Dictator" very good.

Thursday, March 27, 1941

86th day — 279 days follow

Friday, March 28, 1941

87th day — 278 days follow

Saturday, March 29, 1941

88th day — 277 days follow

Wash day again, but it is trying to snow today, not like the Spring weather of last Sat. I cleaned out a couple of bird houses. found little tiny skeleton in one. In the afternoon Hugu wanted to see "Phila. Story" so I went with him & enjoyed it as much as I did the first time. After that it was time to get ready to go with Hugu & the Siegs to the Cliffs' dinner party at the Military Lion - 14 were there. Then we all saw the finals of the boxing which were good. After that we played ping pong at the Siegs & I played pool with Kerkel!.

Sunday, March 30, 1941

89th day — 276 days follow

Monday, March 31, 1941

90th day — 275 days follow

Work day again but
it is very hot today
not that the Spring weather
of last Feb. I am not
a couple of his places
found something about in
the afternoon. He is
interested in the "Bath Stn."
so I went with him &
enjoyed it as much as I
could the first time. After that
it was time to get ready
to go with him to the Sing
at the Clifton dinner party
at the Bath Stn. I had
the car and saw the final
of the Spring which was
good but that was played
in front of the Sing & I
could not see with my eyes!

Tuesday, April 1, 1941

91st day — 274 days follow

Wednesday, April 2, 1941

92nd day — 273 days follow

Thursday, April 3, 1941

93rd day — 272 days follow

Friday, April 4, 1941

94th day — 271 days follow

Saturday, April 5, 1941

95th day — 270 days follow

Sunday, April 6, 1941

96th day — 269 days follow

Monday, April 7, 1941

97th day — 268 days follow

Tuesday, April 8, 1941

98th day — 267 days follow

Wednesday, April 9, 1941

99th day — 266 days follow

Thursday, April 10, 1941

100th day — 265 days follow

Friday, April 11, 1941

101st day — 264 days follow

Saturday, April 12, 1941

102nd day — 263 days follow

Sunday, April 13, 1941

103rd day — 262 days follow

Monday, April 14, 1941

104th day — 261 days follow

Tuesday, April 15, 1941

105th day — 260 days follow

Wednesday, April 16, 1941

106th day — 259 days follow

Thursday, April 17, 1941

107th day — 258 days follow

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108th day — 257 days follow

Saturday, April 19, 1941

109th day — 256 days follow

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Sunday, April 20, 1941

110th day — 255 days follow

Monday, April 21, 1941

111th day — 254 days follow

Tuesday, April 22, 1941

112th day — 253 days follow

Went over to Siegie's at mine & got to work painting flowers on Ann's bed & bureau. I stayed there to lunch and worked till five when my eyes got tired. Siegie was mostly digging dirt out of cracks in floor! Not quite all there! Such a crazy household that is. Poor old Aunt Maime with her shoes on the wrong feet. After supper I had to go the evening. Fortunately not a big one & Hugie was working on screens in play room so I had company.

Wednesday, April 23, 1941

113th day — 252 days follow

Again I went over to Catherine's — thought I could finish in the morning, but had to go back after having lunch at home. It was after three when the flowers were completed. She brought me & my paints home. I cleaned them up & put various odds & ends to rights before supper. After supper Hugie turned the radio on, so I got my darning, but then he went downstairs to work. However, the radio was good & I did a lot of darning.

Thursday, April 24, 1941

114th day — 251 days follow

Got busy on a pile of mending which I did mostly by machine. After lunch several of the girls came here to Reading Club - but it was at Sieg's so we all went over together! We finished Random Harvest & agreed it was a good book. They also agreed that the furniture I had painted looked fine. Hugie was ^{not} at the club to supper. I didn't eat any. He got himself something but I was very much absorbed in cleaning the armoire clock. Jo & Pete came in. Finally got clock to strike

Friday, April 25, 1941

115th day — 250 days follow

Awakened out to the vegetable garden which Bill the H. dug last week & put in onion sets, & lettuce & pea seeds. It was a grand day to be out, but after lunch I had to go down & work at the rummage sale in the old H. & P. Ellen came in after school to help and when we were thru she & I had a soda on our way home. Hugie drove up at supputime with a brand new Ford a pretty red one. We took a little ride in it after supper. Then I read "Life" while Hugie tinkered in the cellar. Pete came in with sample paints.

Saturday, April 26, 1941

116th day — 249 days follow

Did the washing in the morning. Ellen & I had early church to go to rummage sale. Henry left even earlier for a Boy Scout first aid meet which his troop won. The rummage sale netted \$90 by three when Ellen & I went to Murphy's to buy her some dresses & slips. Hugie was trying out a gasoline mower on our grass. After supper we five took the three Thomases to State College to see the Student circus. It was very good, but a bit long. Ellen was happy with her sweetheart, Bobbie.

Sunday, April 27, 1941

117th day — 248 days follow

Drove the new red car successfully to early church. About 30 people at church! Sunday School later & then my chores. After dinner I remodeled a gingham dress from the rummage sale. At four Ellen & I went to church to hear Stuart Gato's choir from Williamsport. It was a very long musical. Ellen & Hugie stayed to play baseball with the choir boys! but I came home to get supper for our boys. Later I was still working on the dress when the Shaffers came in - regular Sunday nighters.

My teacher at Institute was Dr.
Don C. Means - very good talker.

Monday, April 28, 1941

118th day - 247 days follow

Did the washing in the morning and after lunch went to Dr. Hoffman's office. Martha was also there & we knitted a long time before the doctor came. He pronounced me in good shape (more ways than one) and then drove to the Thomases to try to find about the trip to Altona. He is a dizzy egg. He loaned me his car to come home to get ready. Hugie came home, too & got mad at me because I didn't know whether to take his car. But finally I went with Marie Chandler - to teachers institute at St. Gubers - Altona.

Tuesday, April 29, 1941

119th day - 246 days follow

a few indoor chores before I could get out to plant more seeds in the vegetable garden. It was beautiful out there. But after lunch I had to get ready to go with Martha & Pat to a large tea party at State College given by Mrs. Orvis Keller & Mrs. Adrian Morse. We were home at 4 (due to daylight saving) & Martha came in to sit with me while I did the ironing. I had to pick asparagus for supper - delicious. Finished ironing at nine & read Digest. Bobbie & Ellen on back porch.

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Wednesday, April 30, 1941

120th day — 245 days follow

At last a day with nothing to do but garden - & a nice hot sunny one. I put the delphinium bed in good shape & then started transplanting seedlings from the front walk to the lilac bed. Bill & Nichol had made the lilac bed look fine on top, but it was full of sprouting roots which I had to clean out. Hugie was away all day with agents - in Sunbury Shelin. I worked till after six - ate cereal on the porch with the boys doing their lessons, beside me. Eileen at a meeting with Bobbie & walking her home.

Thursday, May 1, 1941

121st day — 244 days follow

I had my breakfast in bed & wrote up my diary afterwards. I got up in time to arrange flowers, for, after lunch the Reading club came. It was warm enough for the porch, but looked like rain so we sat in doors. We started "The Happy Journey" by Francis Brett Young. Everyone here but Martha & Peg (in Atlantic City) and Ev. baked delicious cupcakes. After supper (mostly asparagus) I had to go to an altar guild meeting at which R. Thomas talked long & lengthily but we didn't seem to settle anything. When I got home I read "Life".

Friday, May 2, 1941

122nd day — 243 days follow

Spent most of the morning putting my piled-up desk in order. In the afternoon I had to go down to Mike's school to see a play, in which he took no prominent part, but wanted me to see it. Then I got Mrs. Thomas to walk down town with me. We got so many bundles at H & P that she brought me home in car & I showed her my garden. After supper Hugie took me to see "A Night in Rio" with Don Ameche & Carmen Miranda. Good. When we got home Bobby Thomas was here alone with Ellen & I got mad.

Saturday, May 3, 1941

123rd day — 242 days follow

Poor Ellen all in a dither because she is not able to go on a bike today & because of last night, too, I imagine. I got her to make a star for me while I did the washing. After lunch I used the star for a pattern on a windmill I painted. Then I cut the boys' hair, found a sheet for Mike to play with, found a needle for Ellen to do headwork with, etc, etc — until finally I was able to do a bit of gardening.

After supper we went with the Siegs & Mrs Rosenberg & the Shallcrosses & Marie Martin to the American Legion where we ate shrimps & danced & watched the others.

Sunday, May 4, 1941

124th day — 241 days follow

Took Miss Ida with me to church at 8. Sunday School at 9:45 and then home to make the beds etc. - but I have a headache - too many slams, I guess. After dinner I took my car full of kids & Mrs. Thomas to State College to the service for presentation of the nurse boys - one of my big ones was used again. When we got home Mike & I listened to the radio - he is tired, too. I fixed up an old red jacket of mine for Ellen & after supper washed & ironed it. Hugie at a rotary meeting. I read papers late

Monday, May 5, 1941

125th day — 240 days follow

The morning as usual - but it was so windy I didn't hang it out, although it is a very warm wind. After lunch I made sandwiches & lemonade & was just finished when Mrs. Thomas came with her knitting. Pretty soon Jo & Catherine came & then Grace & Mary Craig and we chatted & sewed & had a very nice time. I was sorry Martha was sick & couldn't come. After supper Hugie & I went to see Carol Lombard & R. Montgomery in "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" but we didn't like it. Needlepointed until bedtime.

Tuesday, May 6, 1941

126th day — 239 days follow

Ellen is in bed today — a
head ache & dizziness, a little
billions, I guess. I put on
my sun suit & went out
in the warm sun to pre-
pare the lilac beds for
flower seeds. Bill McMichael
came along & I told him
what I thought of him for
leaving so many weeds in
them. In the afternoon
I did the same. Hugie
came home to cut the grass.
I got quite a lot done, but
there is still an awful
lot to do — & housecleaning!
After supper I had to go to
an Ellen Child meeting for
new members, which bored
me. Hurried home to Ellen.

Wednesday, May 7, 1941

127th day — 238 days follow

Ellen feeling better — she
can go to school in the
afternoon. I had my iron-
ing to do until lunch
time. In the afternoon
however, I got out in
the garden again and
spent most of the time
fixing up the asparagus
bed. Jo came over to
borrow my mandolates
& I showed her my work
with the lilacs & seedlings.
Later I had to cook
supper — asparagus. And
it finally began to
rain — we all fine
washed out to smell
it. Later I started a
new murder story in Post.

Thursday, May 8, 1941

128th day — 237 days follow

Hugie packed a bag to go to Bradford with Pete. It was me mad as he is leaving us on a bad day without the car. I did lots of odd jobs, but without much heart. At noon Hugie found that he was going to Jersey Shore on business! Ellen had to hurry back to school by one. I went down town to pay my bills, met Mary Craig & then to the R. club at Deborah's - cake & sandwiches! At home I got a telegram from Hugie saying he was staying in Williamsport all night! Ellen went to Pres. living pictures with B. Hanks so I left Mike with Henry & went, too, with Deb.

Friday, May 9, 1941

129th day — 236 days follow

Got up filled with ambition to clean house. It is raining - grand for the garden! So Evagene & I got to work on the contents of the kitchen cupboards. We didn't expect Hugie home to lunch but at the last minute he appeared. Ev. & I kept at the cupboards, altho at 3 Hugie took me to the school to see the girls' gym class work out. Ev. left at 5:30 (Hugie at club) & I worked on until 7 in the kitchen. Then Becky Valentine came in for me to start her needlepoint. Hugie home after Pres. club. c.

Saturday, May 10, 1941

130th day — 235 days follow

Wash day again and also the day to struggle to get Ellen to really clean the play room. After lunch I heated a gallon of maple syrup & bottled it in pints to keep better. Ellen & Jane Walker were most anxious for me to get out of the kitchen (a cake for Mother's Day!) so I went down to the cold room and started to clean the dirty place, but supper time came before I'd finished. After supper (Mike in bed because he feels sick) we left Ellen in charge & went down to call on Uncle Fred - to ask him about some business about my Grandfather's

Daylight Saving Time.

Sunday, May 11, 1941

131st day — 234 days follow

Went to church at 8 - which was really 7: - not many there either. And later Sunday School, etc. In the afternoon the family left me - most of them to take a hike, so I finished cleaning the cold room. Huguie got back just in time to give me two dirty office mugs to clean for Jack. Then Jo came over just at 6, when I was heading for a cock-tail & asked me to separate her African violet. Finally I was able to sit down & rest. We had supper late - on account of daylight. I wrote to Beaul & Heine & me to the west early today

Monday, May 12, 1941

132nd day — 233 days follow

Wash day again, but it was such a big one I couldn't get it hung out before lunch. In the afternoon Evagran & I cleaned the corner cupboard in the dining room. It used to seem like such a big job - in the other house - but now it dwindles in comparison. Martha dropped in with some shiraz for us & chatted a few moments. After supper I went to the auxiliary meeting - not many there, but it was very peppy with argument. I am chairman to help Mrs. Thompson put on a party.

Tuesday, May 13, 1941

133rd day — 232 days follow

I spent the morning cleaning the cedar drawers in the attic - they were not very dirty nor did I find any bugs. After lunch I was impelled to take a nap & then it was time to pick some yellow roses to take to Aunt Gertie who is in the L. H. Hospital. On the way Huguie told me what Fred said about Mary - that she is losing her mind. After supper I had to iron - had a bit of trouble with Ellen & her test again so I got her to read to me. Oh, dear - is Ellen like Mary?

Wednesday, May 14, 1941

134th day — 231 days follow

Erageau & I cleaned
the attic & the extra
room up there. We
went in to every crack
& cranny. I discovered
her my wedding
dress which, alas, is
falling apart due to
my not having packed
it away when I first
had it. And I discovered
her mother's which
is still in good shape,
altho fifty years old.
After supper, I took a
shell to look at my
flowers which are being
neglected & then settled
down to read & to listen
to radio reports about
Rudolph Hess - a Nazi in England.

Thursday, May 15, 1941

135th day — 230 days follow

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wedding dress which, alas, is
falling apart due to my not
having packed it away when I
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shell to look at my flowers
which are being neglected &
then settled down to read &
to listen to radio reports
about Rudolph Hess - a Nazi
in England.

Friday, May 16, 1941

136th day — 228 days follow

Wagean & I cleaned
Hugie's & my bedroom.

Saturday, May 17, 1941

137th day — 228 days follow

Wagean has a tooth-
ache, so I gave her the
oc. off - must get her
in shape for cleaning!
I did the washing.
After lunch Mike went
to bed! - his temp. 103°
everything happening
at once around here.
I cleaned Mike's &
Hugie's human drawers
& Ellen helped me do
hers. Hugie had another
power motor grass mower
but seemed to spend
most of the time starting
it. He worked on it till
9 when it grew dark -
daylight time is nice
that way. Read magazines

Sunday, May 18, 1941

138th day — 227 days follow

Went to church at 8—
only 7 women there. Stopt
for Evagean whose face
is all swollen from her
toothache. At S.S. we
had a true or false test
on the Prayer Book. I
do hope I passed it! I
cleaned Hugie's big boy
before dinner. Afterward,
sitting with Mike I had
to take a little nap, but
got some darning done.
Ellen ushering at a Glee
Club concert, Henry cooking
in the woods for a scout
test. At 5 I started my wash-
ing!! So I won't have to do
it tomorrow! And later on
the Seeps came to see us.

Monday, May 19, 1941

139th day — 226 days follow

Evagean's tooth still bother-
ing her so we decided
not to clean & I went
out to dig dandelions.
Mike is still in bed. The
fever hangs on but he
seems to feel pretty well.
I did my ironing in his
room after lunch &
when Henry came home
I went out to dig again.
Hugie was out to supper
so Henry ate with Mike
& Ellen & I sat on upper
porch to eat ours. I
got Mike settled & dashed
off to pick up Mrs. Thomas
& Betty Malin for a meeting
with Mrs. Thompson in her
lovely garden to plan party

Tuesday, May 20, 1941

140th day — 225 days follow

Nike still in bed but Eva Jean & I started cleaning again - Hugie's little room. The plane rang in the middle of the morning & it was Uncle Will, saying he'd be here to lunch! But he was on standard time so we were all there when he came & had to sit & watch him eat! At last Eva Jean & I got back to work - but were interrupted by Hugie showing us out so he could dress & go to church convention in Williamsport. Eva Jean left before supper - later I made lemonade for Hugie's boy & went to visiting time.

Wednesday, May 21, 1941

141st day — 224 days follow

Nike got up - just in time for Eva Jean & I planned to clean his room today. Hugie still in Williamsport so we got an early start & lunch wasn't much trouble. But it was very hot, & the work didn't seem to go very fast - I think W. & I are both slowing up on previous years - getting old. Nike was "helping" us a lot. He still runs a temperature ~~98~~ $98\frac{3}{4}$ ° - but seems O.K. So I will go by Dr. Dale who said check the thermometer. Hugie got home an hour late for supper. I finished room, took bath & relaxed.

Thursday, May 22, 1941

142nd day — 223 days follow

As I was coming down to breakfast in my housecoat (not being able to decide how to dress) I heard the church bell! And in 15 min. I was in church!!! It is Ascension Day. When I got home I had difficulty buckling down to some odds & ends of work. In the afternoon I took Mary & Biggie to Gen's in my car. It was stifling hot & then a black thunder storm came. But our work was amusing. After supper Hugie & I both worked out doors until dark. Henry at a party for the Scouts who won first aid contest. I figured my accounts.

Friday, May 23, 1941

143rd day — 222 days follow

Again housecleaning Ellen's room this time, but the weather is cooler & it was more pleasant to work. After school Ellen helped with the millions of tinikets & what-nots she has around her room. She changed the furniture around, too, much to her excitement. After supper I went out to look at my garden which is discouraging so it needs at least three days hard work & when will I find the three days? Read Life!

Saturday, May 24, 1941

144th day — 221 days follow

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Sunday, May 25, 1941

145th day — 220 days follow

Monday, May 26, 1941

146th day — 219 days follow

Tuesday, May 27, 1941

147th day — 218 days follow

Wednesday, May 28, 1941

148th day — 217 days follow

Another blistering day but Evagran & I decided to go on with our cleaning regardless. The boys took their lunch to school & Ellen ate with her daddy. W. & I ate cereal at two o'clock. I unfortunately borrowed Mrs. Schwartz's rug beater & tried it on the davenport — such clouds of dust — & then I wore a blister trying to get it all out. Hagie came out to cut the grass. Supper was very late. I went down to see Fr. Thomas about Henry getting confirmed — he's too young. Then I worked till bed time fixing up living room.

Thursday, May 29, 1941

149th day — 216 days follow

A lucky woman, I got up & put the guest room in order for Heinie — stuff that's been shifted from room to room so we cleaned. Then I finished washing tubs to go back in the living room. In the afternoon I was glad to go to Martha's & sit on her cool porch & knit. "Mr. Sturton" continues to amuse us. Hagie went to club to farewell party for Dick Hoffman & then to meet Heinie. Mike & I did a few odd jobs, like cleaning fireplace. When kids all in bed I read "Life" and then came Heinie, a bit thin

Memorial Day.

Friday, May 30, 1941

150th day — 215 days follow

A beautiful clear cool morning to greet Heinie. We all had breakfast rather late & then went out in the sun. Hugie & Henry cut grass. Ellen & Heinie helped me stretch curtains & Mike just hang around. In the afternoon some of us took naps. Hugie & I sat in the dandelions amid the lilacs at the back. At five they all left for a parade but I planted my cabbages & then got supper ready on the back porch. It was lovely out there. Bobby came to see Ellen. ^{Shirley} ^{Antonia} Red only.

Saturday, May 31, 1941

151st day — 214 days follow

Did the washing with the pleasant help and company of Heinie. We hung it out which was unfortunate as it began to drizzle after lunch while we were napping. Brickley Walker came to take Ellen up to Jane's to a party & for the night. Heinie & I sort of lagged out around until it was time for me to dress to go with Hugie to the club dinner-dance. It was an unusually peppy one & I had a grand time, ending up with the Sings at the Mainland for a sandwich at 2:30! Bruce Talbot, very drunk in our yard when we got home!

Memorial Day
Sunday, June 1, 1941

152nd day — 213 days follow

Monday, June 2, 1941

153rd day — 212 days follow

Tuesday, June 3, 1941

154th day — 211 days follow

I wanted to jack up my velvet curtains, but Heinie wanted me to weed with her so I weeded — we pulled out bushels — After lunch I met Martha & went to Grace's mother's funeral which was very small. Then Heinie helped me plant tomatoes until Janet came to see her. I continued planting. After supper I gathered up my commitments & went to Mrs. Thompson's but she had gone to the movies! We "met" a bit without her. Later, at home, the Craigs came to call

Wednesday, June 4, 1941

155th day — 210 days follow

A good steady rain — I'm so glad my plants are in. Hugie took Mike off to his school picnic in spite of the rain. I did my ironing & Heinie read in the laundry. After lunch I finished the ironing while she took a nap & then Martha & Cat Lane came to see us. Most amusing. We had tea later. When they left I cleaned the velvet curtains & Harry helped me roll them up after supper. Ellen had a younger sister of one of our teachers here — nice girl. Heinie, Hugie & I read

Thursday, June 5, 1941

156th day — 209 days follow

Another rainy day - but there was another job waiting for me - washing the crystal candelabra which took most of the morning. And in the afternoon I went to the Reading Club at Mary Craig's while Heinnie went down town with Ellen. We are still reading "The Happy Highway" by Francis Brett Young, + I like it. I didn't eat any supper but printed a ticket to take with me at 7:30 Mrs. Thompson's to show the committee for the garden party. Plans are going well. Home again I sat with Heinnie & read.

Friday, June 6, 1941

157th day — 208 days follow

Heinnie & I went out to weed - conditions ideal - but after a while we got tired & lay on the grass & talked. After lunch I went out again & got started in the rock garden. But Heinnie went to Lock Haven with Becky Hull. I had to try to coach the little girls in their Pirate dance for the garden party, but I'm not very good at it - & neither are they. After supper I continued weeding till dark - then settled down to read "Life" - Mary phoned that she will be here tomorrow! So then we talked.

Saturday, June 7, 1941

158th day — 207 days follow

All week I've had a sort of cold & today it feels awful. I managed to do some of the washing before our early lunch for Huguie to go to golf match. Ellen & Heinnie helped hang the wash after lunch & then I took a nice nap for nearly 2 hours! Then I went out in the hot sun & loosed the vegetables - the beans very sad because of the rabbits. Heinnie helped me until time for her to go out to supper. The children & I ate cereals. I worked out until 9 - had a game of croquet with Ellen & her Bobby & Henry. Heinnie came home & went to bed, but I waited until finally Huguie & Mary came.

Sunday, June 8, 1941

159th day — 206 days follow

Went to church at 8 & S.S. at 9:45, but didn't see Mary until I came home from the latter. Heinnie helped me make the beds & finally we went to the living room to look at the papers. After dinner I took another long nap - but still I have a headache. The sisters were watching Huguie dig dandelions & I joined them. Heinnie went out to supper but Mary made us a pile of sandwiches. Later on the Sheffers came & were surprised to find Mary here. We had a jolly time!

Monday, June 9, 1941

160th day — 205 days follow

Did the washing while my guests thickened around as to what they would do. I had to go down to the Parish House to lunch with Hugué & other vestry & ministers. When I got home the family were all - except Helen -

Leaving for York Haven to see Aunt Gustie. I had a beautiful time all by myself, putting my house plants in the flower beds. After supper I went down with Mary to call on Grace. Bill R. arrived - he will get a job around here. Went home to Helen who is so worried about Fred & Mary.

Tuesday, June 10, 1941

161st day — 204 days follow

After sitting with my sisters at breakfast I got busy planning the newspapers about the "Midnight Fantasy". Then I attacked a pile of mending. Mary went down town & brought us a huge roast of beef which we feasted on most of the afternoon. I got soaked too much.

Had Henry printed tickets for me & Ellen is making herself a sun suit. I finally got down to my ironing. But there were lots of interruptions. After supper Annie & I transplanted some flowers & then I made 2 posters while Hugué & Mary drank beer - Helen in bed.

Wednesday, June 11, 1941

162nd day — 203 days follow

Thursday, June 12, 1941

163rd day — 202 days follow

A cloudy day, so we
wondered all morning
about our picnic. I fin-
ished printing tickets
for the "Twilight Fantasy".
And then wished about
packing a lunch for
Heinie, Mary & myself
to take to Twin Mount
with the Reading Club.
Ten of us there. We ate
in front of the fire, then
Mary & I took a
bike over the hills while
the rest played bridge.
Hugie at club to supper.
One "pirate" came to
practice. I am discourag-
ed about them. Later Scotty
& Emily came in but not
for long.

Friday, June 13, 1941

164th day — 201 days follow

Saturday, June 14, 1941

165th day — 200 days follow

Before I could start washing I had to send a note to Mary Beezer with notices for garden party for papers & pack up a bag for the twins to take on ahead to Peconics. Heinie really did the washing & I had time to clean out the wool mittens etc in hall closet. Our plans are beginning to take shape every one seems to know what they want to do now & I feel better in mind.

Mamtha came to call for a while, then I worked in garden. Mary at Uncle Fred's. Hugie at club. Heinie & kids at parade. We had late meal supper. Wrote to Gen. Hugie home early.

Sunday, June 15, 1941

166th day — 199 days follow

Went to church at 8 & D.S. later
in the meantime Heinie says
she is too sick to go home
today! Such complications!
Mary helped me make the
beds. Bill came to dinner.
It is Heinie's birthday so
we had ice cream & cake.
Bill does not like the job.
Hugie got him. Everything is
confusion! Hugie went to
his office to work & then Heinie
decided they'd go home after
all! So the boys & I drove
Mary & Heinie to Lewisburg
& left them there. When I got
home I found my "friend"
had come - the logical
end to such a day! But
I had to do the washing my
way.

Monday, June 16, 1941

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167th day — 198 days follow

Got up early and packed
amid the excitement
of the children. At 10:30
we pulled out for the
Poconos, Hugie & I, three
kids & Jack! We ate
our lunch in a pretty
little side road & an
old farmer came along
& talked to us. It stopped
raining just long en-
ough for us to eat. We
got to the Shallcross
camp at three & there
were the twins, who im-
mediately began wash-
ing us to go fishing,
etc., etc. I cooked a nice
supper, with aid of Eva's
help. Hugie & kids fishing.
I went to bed but not to sleep.

Tuesday, June 17, 1941

168th day — 197 days follow

It is still raining. I got back foot. Eggs + bacon + all + cleaned up a bit + then it was time to get lunch. I managed to get a nice nap and later we all went to the store. The sun came out for a while but it is pretty cold for swimming. The twins are so rest-less + noisy + Bugie gets so mad at them. There is so much confusion here as there was at home last week. I tried to read, but too much radio + noise. It would be grand here without the twins!

Wednesday, June 18, 1941

169th day — 196 days follow

I sighed when I woke to hear it raining, but soon after breakfast it cleared up + everything was fine. I wrote a letter to Heinnie + got a nice one from her. The twins want to ride everywhere + don't like it when I make them walk or work. They tease our kids a lot which is not so peaceful. Tommy went fishing with a neighbor at supper time + Bugie + Henry went out in row boat afterward. They got back just in time for the Louis-Carm fight on the radio + we were all up late.

Thursday, June 19, 1941

170th day — 195 days follow

A beautiful sunny day
so after breakfast I
did a lot of washing
in the tub in the kitchen,
the twins clothes, too. Then
it was time to get lunch.
We have teams for drying
dishes. They finally got
the motor boat started
after working on it all
week & we put on our
suits & went in the boat
to the camp dock for a
swim - water cold. The
twins dunking everybody.
at suppertime they wouldn't
eat the veg. & Tommy got a pain
so he couldn't dry dishes &
I got mad & made him go
to bed while rest of us went
to Mt. Pico to movies. ^{He} laughed

Friday, June 20, 1941

171st day — 194 days follow

Tommy was up early &
helping me get headshot
to even make his bed.
His scolding last night
did him good. Everyone
went out & I wrote up my
diary & wrote to Evagene.
Then got lunch. Dishes
done. We all went to
the little pier near here
& sunned ourselves
& had a very pleasant
afternoon. I decided around
getting supper with the
aid of a Tom Collins
& then we all went up
a stream where Hugie
& the twins fished & I
& our kids took a long
walk thru spooky woods.

Saturday, June 21, 1941

172nd day — 193 days follow

Sunday, June 22, 1941

173rd day — 192 days follow

Monday, June 23, 1941

174th day — 191 days follow

Tuesday, June 24, 1941

175th day — 190 days follow

Wednesday, June 25, 1941

176th day — 189 days follow

Thursday, June 26, 1941

177th day — 188 days follow

Friday, June 27, 1941

178th day — 187 days follow

Wageau & I got a pretty early start on scrubbing the porches & had two of them done by lunch time. It wasn't such a hot job as I had on my bathing suit. But after lunch I had to really dress & go out to the hospital to see Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Gray, Deborah, Madeline Purnell & Ellen went with me. I took some lemonade which helped us in the heat.

Saturday, June 28, 1941

179th day — 186 days follow

It was sort of cool when Mike & I went to market but got very hot again while I was washing. I could not finish the wash before I had to go down to Mrs. Thompsons with the Pirates - poor girls, having to dance in the hot sun. And Ellen does not feel very well. I made her go to bed after lunch, when the Jane Walker came up. Jane stayed to supper, altho it was creaky whenever any one felt like eating. I was working in the garden. Huzie came home unexpectedly & cross not to find any thing to eat! Real life

Sunday, June 29, 1941

180th day — 185 days follow

Monday, June 30, 1941

181st day — 184 days follow

Tuesday, July 1, 1941

182nd day — 183 days follow

Wednesday, July 2, 1941

183rd day — 182 days follow

Thursday, July 3, 1941

184th day — 181 days follow

Friday, July 4, 1941

185th day — 180 days follow

Saturday, July 5, 1941

186th day — 179 days follow

Sunday, July 6, 1941

187th day — 178 days follow

Monday, July 7, 1941

188th day — 177 days follow

Tuesday, July 8, 1941

189th day — 176 days follow

Wednesday, July 9, 1941

190th day — 175 days follow

Thursday, July 10, 1941

191st day — 174 days follow

Friday, July 11, 1941

192nd day — 173 days follow

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Saturday, July 12, 1941

193rd day — 172 days follow

Sunday, July 13, 1941

194th day — 171 days follow

Monday, July 14, 1941

195th day — 170 days follow

Tuesday, July 15, 1941

196th day — 169 days follow

Wednesday, July 16, 1941

197th day — 168 days follow

Thursday, July 17, 1941

198th day — 167 days follow

Friday, July 18, 1941

199th day — 166 days follow

Saturday, July 19, 1941

200th day — 165 days follow

Stiff & sore & tired when I got up. I did the washing without en thusiasm & hung it out in the wind. In the afternoon I went down to see Miss Cook's frames & had to buy 2.00 worth. Then I fixed flowers at church & finally got down town. When I got home a Mr. & Mrs. Ward came to see me about painting their son. Friends of Kilpatrick's. Hugie at Club for supper, I took boys for ride to airfield. Then Siegie & I went down to get our husbands & stayed to see all the drinks at club.

Sunday, July 20, 1941

201st day — 164 days follow

No church at 8-7. Thomas on vacation. So I slept blissfully until nine. Sunday School was small & uninteresting. Made beds & mended curtains. After dinner I took Mike, Henry & Peter to the Girl Scout camp at Barree with me to see Ellen. She was full of mosquito bites but said she was having a good time, altho she seemed unhappy to me. Later, after the boys were in bed, Hugie & I went over to the Siegs to see their guests. Mr. & Mrs. Parker & Harry Juicio. for a while.

Monday, July 21, 1941

202nd day — 163 days follow

Did my washing & starched dining room curtains. After lunch I had to hang the wash - I certainly tired Ellen then! - and then I cleaned the laundry & play room which pleasant job took me most of the afternoon. But before supper I started on the vegetable garden, pulling out the dead pea vines. Hugie came out later after supper to hoe his corn & we worked until dark. Then I had to make "dewberry" jolly with berries we didn't like.

Hugie & I went to call on
Maule & Grace in evening
Tuesday, July 22, 1941

203rd day — 162 days follow

Got everything all set to paint a portrait of little Bobbie Ward, not yet four years old. We had just got started when Anna Hess drove up with Aunt Petrie & a chair for me to come. So Mrs. Ward went home & Bobbie played while I talked to the relatives. Finally I got to work again but the little fellow got tired. He insisted on eating his lunch in play room. By three I had a picture of a cute little boy. I sent for his mother & she loved it! And paid me! Praise be!

Wednesday, July 23, 1941

204th day — 161 days follow

I went to market with Helen Schwartz at a quarter after eleven: was sleepy the rest of the day. Did my ironing — finished it after lunch & then started polishing silver — 4½ hours of it! While the boys played, fought & made fudge & ate their supper. Hugie at club! I ate much later & when the boys went to bed I went too and read the Pos't. The storms have such week ending how-days. Hugie home early.

Thursday, July 24, 1941

205th day — 160 days follow

Performed a long needed operation on my tonsils and felt like a different person afterward. Felt so fine I got to work & canned some string beans Mrs. Schwartz sent over. Then I had to scurry in a hurry to get flowers, etc., ready for the Reading club. We sat on the back porch with the pumpkins. There weren't many here but many brought Mrs. Gates & Winifred! Katherine Shall cross to help swell the number. After supper Mrs. Ward came for her picture while I was planting my beans.

Friday, July 25, 1941

206th day — 159 days follow

Was planning to work
in my poor neglected
rock garden but be-
fore I had the beds made
Grace came with some
books & we sat for nearly
2 hours in the living room
discussing Fred & Mary.
After lunch I took Mike
& Henry to Washannon
Dam where we went
swimming until time
to go to Dr. Hopkins - but we
had to wait there awhile!
And then all he did was
take more impressions!
Home at 6:30. After supper
I helped Tina fix the church
for a funeral. Later read
Life until Angie came home.
H.O.T.

Saturday, July 26, 1941

207th day — 158 days follow

Sunday, July 27, 1941

208th day — 157 days follow

Another blistering day. The kids & I went to S.S. I was the only grown up there, but we managed. Evaglean went home after getting our dinner started as Lena was there. So after we had dinner eaten & cleaned up the kids & I & Peter & Betty Gannan & Dottie Ray went to Karthaus for a swim. The water was warm & we stayed in it for hours. Got home at 8 just as Hugie arrived with Phil Ray & Bill Sieg for supper. The kids got their own & Dottie & I scurried around & got all hot again getting onion sandwiches at the time.

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Monday, July 28, 1941

209th day — 156 days follow

No relief from the heat — I did a great big washing — Ellen's camp clothes & she helped me hang it. We had two lines full. Later in the afternoon the boys & I watched a storm approach from the upper porch — but rain never came, just a lot of fast wind. And it got no cooler. I started to cover a chair for Aunt Gertie in the laundry. The boys had to bathe down there at bed time as the pump isn't working.

Tuesday, July 29, 1941

210th day — 155 days follow

Wednesday, July 30, 1941

211th day — 154 days follow

Saturday, August 2, 1941

214th day — 151 days follow

We all slept late so it was late when I got to the laundry to finish my ironing. Especially as the boys were fixing up a box for higher boots which Peter found & I had to watch. In the afternoon I went to Reading club at Bahr. It was awfully hot in the apartment, but she gave us a cooling drink. When I got home I sat in the living room on our porch. After supper I went out to pick flowers & to finish mending. Hugie was working outside too. Real

Sunday, August 3, 1941

215th day — 150 days follow

No early church and I just made it to S.S. We sang hymns instead of lessons - Jean's idea. I had time to do some much-needed mending before dinner. In the afternoon the kids & I went to the club with Siegie to see the Cliffs. We sat under the trees until Olive & Raleigh left, leaving Katherine to stay with me & Jack with Sheffer. After every one had had supper of a kind, Hugie & I went over to the Sheffers to hear about their trip to Maine etc.

Monday, August 4, 1941

216th day — 149 days follow

Did my washing
and had lots of help
hanging it up. It
was dry enough to
take down before we
left for Osceola. Siegie
& her kids - 9 of us. They
stayed at the dam
while Luke & I visited
Dr. Harbins, but we got
back in time for a swim
too. Then it began to
rain! Always it rains.
But this time we were
coming home to supper
anyway! Siegie had
a sister meeting and
I wrote long letters
to Heenie & to Beanie &
long thanked a dress for Ellen

Tuesday, August 5, 1941

217th day — 148 days follow

Wednesday, August 6, 1941

218th day — 147 days follow

Happy Birthday Hugie!

Thursday, August 7, 1941

219th day — 146 days follow

Hugie Hugie's bathrobe
is his closed before he got
awake & he was sur-
prised. Later, while I
was at breakfast Olive
came for Katherine, stayed
for a cup of tea with me.
Later I washed some
blankets & Siegie came
in. At lunch we had
a birthday cake for Hugie.
At Reading club at
Martha's we finished
"Singing Beach" by
sort of a silly
story. He kids & I went
over to the Sheffers for
supper out in their yard.
Katie & Billy went to sleep
in the play house. Real life.

Friday, August 8, 1941

220th day — 145 days follow

Ellen & Betty

Saturday, August 9, 1941

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221st day — 144 days follow

Mike looked so cute in his daddy's bed this A.M. I did the washing with interruptions - Betty came for her chain seat & stop to tell me her troubles. Geo. Valentine brought me some pairs and Siegie came in. After lunch I took a nap & then dyed some pants for the boys - white & brown. And I pulled threads for hemstitching, and felt like the dickens. We had cold supper. Then I had to change them a dress & shorts & slip for Ellen - Siegie came in to entertain me.

Sunday, August 10, 1941

222nd day — 143 days follow

I calmly stayed in bed. Waagean brought me my breakfast while the kids went to S. S. I got up in time to make beds & pick corn for dinner. Then we borrowed the Siegs car & took Aunt Gerlie's chair to Beech Lake. We went to the Wynns camp where the children went swimming & I talked to Catherine. Later we all went back to B. C. for supper with Aunt Gerlie, Mary, Anna, Lina & Bob & Helen & Don. When I took the Siegs car back Hugie was there so I stayed, too & the Sheffers came in. Hugie won a thermos jug.

Monday, August 11, 1941

223rd day — 142 days follow

Nice to have Hugie come again. We have Martha Wynn staying with us now. I did the washing & the girls helped me hang it. In the afternoon, tho, they decided it looked too stormy & did not go with us to Mooshaunau. Jo Sheffer took Peter & Mike on to Osceola & I stayed at the Park with Henry, Samie & Sally! We got a new boat & it rained lightly and Sally was most whiny. I was glad when we got home. Later on the Sheffers came in to see us!! But they were chased home by storm.

Tuesday, August 12, 1941

224th day — 141 days follow

It is quite cold & windy so I decided to stay indoors & do some much needed mending. In the afternoon I was about to iron when Hugie came with Love, Janie's dog, Peggy & Jackie pups! Such excitement! They are too cute for words. Then Martha came & I ironed & we had tea & I made a sandwich for Hugie to take with him to the Shallcross cabin which is an air-raid warning post in case of war! After supper I went there with C. Sieg & Ruth Dietrich & Hugie showed us how to report.

Wednesday, August 13, 1941

225th day — 140 days follow

Hugie has a cold so I had to get up & let Jack out of the laundry — the little puppies are fine today. I had a hard time getting any thing done because of watching them. But I did pull a few weeds. After lunch I continued with my gardening — by supper time I had finished weeding & transplanting the last part of the tilse bed. Hugie was 2 hrs. late to supper! The Siegs came over to see the puppies. Poor Jack wouldn't eat his — he feels sad & jealous. Figured out my bills later.

Thursday, August 14, 1941

226th day — 139 days follow

Worked out in the yard again — on my front beds which have been sadly neglected. After lunch Pete took me down town to pay my bills & then he & Hargie went to Am. Legion convention in Altoona. I walked to Beckley's & the Reading club. We started "My Theodosia" by Anna Seton about 11:00 AM. When I got home I had to feed five dogs & had my hands full. "Nora" has learned how to get out of the pen. Grace & Uncle Fred came to see them & visited with me on the porch. Later read "Life in Bed" while Schwartzky got coal.

Friday, August 15, 1941

227th day — 138 days follow

Spent the day at the
and enjoyed being back
about 11:00 AM. I had
and in the morning I had
and Hargie went to the
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to get out of the pen.
Grace & Uncle Fred came
to see them & visited
with me on the porch.
Later read "Life in Bed"
while Schwartzky got coal.

Saturday, August 16, 1941

228th day — 137 days follow

Sunday, August 17, 1941

229th day — 136 days follow

Went to church at 8 -
and enjoyed being back in
church again. And then
Sunday School, which I do
not enjoy. Minnie & I looked
over the flowers & then she
helped me make beds.
After dinner she & I took
Martha & the kids to
Beech Creek. We picked up
Aunt Fannie & took her with us
to the Wiggins camp. We had
a quick cold swim there
& some cocktails to warm
us up. Then we all stayed
to a delicious bean supper.
When we got home - Minnie
Martha - we found Hagie
entertaining the Siegs &
Sheffers. But they left early.

Monday, August 18, 1941

230th day — 135 days follow

Heinie helped me with the washing and after lunch we went out to weed - she in the lilacs & I in the rock garden. But I was interrupted by Dr. Thomas wanting me to find another car for the S.D. picnic & I had to spend some time on the phone to no avail. But later when Heinie, Ellen, Henry & I went to the church there were enough cars to carry us all to Mocha now park. It was too cold to swim but we all enjoyed the racines before the big fire place.

Tuesday, August 19, 1941

231st day — 134 days follow

A rainy day - so Heinie began ripping apart a dress for me to help her remodel it. And I patched a cigaret hole in Hugie's suit. After lunch Tom came for his dog. About time, as "Mora" was hard to keep track of. Then Heinie, Mike & Aunt Maime Sieg went with me to Socola hills and I waited 2½ hrs while they all had work done. For Heinie will have to have some pulled. After supper Ellen went to a party, Mike to bed & Henry & Hugie to a carnival while Heinie & I did the ironing & talked

Wednesday, August 20, 1941

232nd day — 133 days follow

A beautiful day and nothing on our minds but to work in the garden. And together we got a lot done. The firemen are having a convention in Bellefonte 400 of them and it's very exciting downtown. We had an early supper in order to go down and hear a band concert. Bob Porter & Little Harter - special agents - treated Hugie, Heinie & me (after we'd taken the kids home) to drinks at the Brockenhof & then we went to the carnival & saw a side show of horrid repulsive women! I'm glad to have seen it once.

Thursday, August 21, 1941

233rd day — 132 days follow

The firemen began parking their busses & trucks at our corner quite early. We hated to leave them to go down to Hugie's office to watch the parade. But it was interesting there, too - such crowds. The parade was wonderful - 25 bands! When we got home we found the Wynns with Martha. They wouldn't stay to lunch. After much tears & indecision Ellen went home with them. Henry went to work at carnival. Later Hugie took Heinie, Hubert & me to drum & bugle competition. Ferris wheel ride at carnival. Heinie & I read & talked - Henry came at 12:30.

Friday, August 22, 1941

234th day — 131 days follow

Another rainy day so we went to sewing again. I finished putting a blouse on Heinie's dress & did some mending of my own. Henry got violently sick at his stomach — too much carnival so I put him to bed & left him in Mike's care while Heinie & I went to Socola to have his front teeth pulled! Dr. Hopkins put new ones in immediately & they look better than the old dead ones. After supper Huguie took Heinie & me to see Clark Gable & Rossini Russell in "They Met in Bombay" which ^{is again} was very amusing. stayed at

Saturday, August 23, 1941

235th day — 130 days follow

Heinie seems to feel remarkably well. She helped me with the washing and after lunch when I went to nap she went out to feed. I joined her later & we attacked the jungle of an asparagus bed. Henry is still in bed, poor fellow — he is certainly paying for his fun. After supper the Mercers & Sarah & Robbins walked in. They said they'd eaten but much later after a few drinks it developed that they hadn't & Bob & I went out in the kitchen to make "gas house eggs." The Shufflers were here, too.

Sunday, August 24, 1941

236th day — 129 days follow

I went to church at 8 & to Sunday school where we got new "work" books which I hope will be more interesting. After dinner we said goodbye to Evagene (her vacation) & got to work making sandwiches to take to Beech Creek. We picked up Aunt Gertie and took her to the Wynnis camp where we sat & talked & had cocktails for a while before taking Ellen & going to Uncle Will's. He gave us wine & hors d'oeuvres & the Miss-Me Comrade birds ran in & out. Finally we went to Uncle Geo's for supper. Mike stayed home to take care of sick Henry.

Monday, August 25, 1941

237th day — 128 days follow

No Evagene, so I had to get heads fast. Mike made the toast. Ellen washed the dishes & Henry & I started on the washing. Henry got up later in the morning. Hugie is the one that isn't feeling so well now. Such a family. Heenie went to lunch with Deborah, & came home with a diminishing glass for me! So I immediately got to work trying to fix Ellen's ministration to suit me. Worked after supper until dark - but it doesn't look much better. It gets my goat.

Tuesday, August 26, 1941

238th day — 127 days follow

Breakfast over and done with, we started to iron. Ellen went down to get the Sing's iron so that two of us could be working at once. It was really quite fun. After lunch we continued the job and Bessy Valentine came to call & had to sit in the laundry. She brought some ice cream which we ate on the porch when the ironing was done. There was also much talk of teeth & Dr. Harkins.

Wednesday, August 27, 1941

239th day — 126 days follow

Hinnie & I got up early & went to market to buy a bushel of peaches. But they did not seem ripe enough to can right away. The kids and I each cleaned a section of the house. In the afternoon Hinnie went out to weed but all I wanted to do was work on that ministering, and by supper time it pleased me quite well. Hattie golfing & not home to supper — we left the dishes unwashed & went to the Graungs' Picnic to see Evagcan. We had a lot of fun & finally did see ^{Ev.}

Thursday, August 28, 1941

240th day — 125 days follow

We all slept late but finally got started canning the peaches that had ripened in the sun. It was quite a job without Evaglean. In the afternoon I went over to Catherine's to the Reading club after two Clippes, several shoppes and Anne Keller had arrived - also Billy Sing & the Shoppes. Heinnie came over in time for the cats. She & I went to Martha's to dinner - Mrs. Fore & Cat there, too - very nice. Ellen was dining with Mrs. Helen & Ann & at ten we had to waken Henry to let us all in.

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Friday, August 29, 1941

241st day — 124 days follow

We got to work to canning on the peaches today and got quite a few done before I had to make a peach short-cake for lunch. It wasn't very good. Heinnie & I set forth for Osceola Hills after lunch to visit Dr. H. We got there early, had a soda & came home by way of State College. It was a beautiful day & beautiful drive. Heenie came home to supper unexpectedly - he is feeling very keen & Phil Ray beat him in the tournament. He went to bed & Heinnie & I read.

Saturday, August 30, 1941

242nd day — 123 days follow

Hugie slept late but the rest of us were very busy — the kids cleaning the house, Heinie peeling peaches & me washing. Then I canned peaches while Heinie hung up the wash & Grace came to call & sat in the kitchen with us. She & Heinie had a talk later about Mary & Fred. In the afternoon we sat around doing odd jobs & I bathed & dressed to go to the dinner dance at the club with Hugie, but when he came home he didn't feel like going so I had to change! I wonder what is the matter with him.

Sunday, August 31, 1941

243rd day — 122 days follow

I went to church at 8 & picked up Wagon on way home. I was glad to see her again. Then S. S. & Ellis Haller was here to see Heinie when I got back. She went to church & I made beds, etc. After a delicious dinner cooked by Wagon we left Hugie here alone, not in bed but feeling better, and went to Rant-haus with a carload of kids. It was glorious in the water, altho the diving board had been washed away. Saydens & Tom Beason were there, too. Late supper & early to bed.

Laba Day.

Monday, September 1, 1941

244th day — 121 days follow

Hugie stayed in bed most of the morning. Heinie & I did the washing. In the afternoon we fooled around until Hugie decided he had to go to the club to pay off the tournament winners. Heinie & I went with him, leaving dozens of children here alone. It was nice at the club & Heinie & I enjoyed it but Hugie is still feeling better with his cold. Home to supper - 6:00 here. We sat around & talked for a while but went to bed early on account of Hugie. Full "last night" for Heinie.

Tuesday, September 2, 1941

245th day — 120 days follow

Hugie feels so badly that I had to get Dr. Schwartz to come over. He must stay in bed. Grace came up to see Heinie again. They seem very amicable over this trouble of Mary & Fred. After lunch the boys & I took Heinie to Lewis town while Ellen stayed with her pop. I was sorry to see Heinie go, but this trip was a lot more satisfactory than the last. When I got home I moved in the bedroom to be near Hugie. He has a most awful cough. Sewed & talked to him.

Wednesday, September 3, 1941

246th day — 119 days follow

The other day I bought another bushel of peaches so w. I had to get to work on them. They were all done soon after lunch — & it took Heinie & me 3 days to do a bushel. In the afternoon I sat with Hugie and worked on my dolls. I will soon finish them now — 10 & a number, all handstitched in different colors. I made tea for us which he seems to enjoy more than anything. The child care started to school today, poor things, but they leave it nice & quiet here!

Thursday, September 4, 1941

247th day — 118 days follow

Hugie not improving — the doctor says it's bronchitis. I had to go down to Hugie's office & attend to some things for him. In the afternoon I hand-plantedly left him to go over to Peggy's & the Reading club. I fixed things so the boys could take his tea up to him and he was happy enough. After supper I sat with him and he told me of the interesting things he's read in the papers. Always making it more interesting than to read it myself.

* P.M.

Friday, September 5, 1941

248th day — 117 days follow

I made a blouse for Ellen out of dotted py-jama material I had left over. I cut it out on my bed. I had to go down town again on business. In the afternoon I canned some of my tomatoes. Just when I took time up stairs Fr. Thomas came to see Hugie. He has a weakened heart & has to go away & rest for 6 to 8 months. That's a calamity! He stayed here till nearly dawn! And Hugie's temperature went up again. Saturday. Him sewing & trying to cheer. P.M. S. came over. Him.

Saturday, September 6, 1941

249th day — 116 days follow

Wash day again. And after lunch I had to go scooting around town trying to find a newspaper for Hugie. Homer Barnes would let his subscription run out at this time. But finally I lay down on my bed for a nap. Poor Ellen was to have gone to Watkins Glen today with the choir but they couldn't go on account of a lack of cars. Thank goodness they didn't ask me so I didn't feel so hot myself. In the evening Bill Dieg came to see Hugie.

Sunday, September 7, 1941

250th day — 115 days follow

I surprised myself
by going to church at
8. Mike & Henry went
with me. Made the beds
etc after Sunday School
and the doctor came to
see Hugie in the midst
of it — they always do.
He says Hugie's sputum
shows influenza germs.
After dinner just as I
was napping Mary
Beizer came to see
Hugie. Before she left
I showed her around
the house as she's never
seen it. She's a queer egg.
Hugie doesn't know if
he's feeling better or
not — he's a queer egg too.

Monday, September 8, 1941

251st day — 114 days follow.

Again a great pile of
was lying to be attended
to. And I got myself a
cocktail which made
me feel awful in the
afternoon. I think I'll
wear off. Had to go
down for Hugie's paper
again & decided to pay
my bills etc. When I
got home Hugie was
downstairs & had nearly
fainted when the doctor
took some blood to test.
I made some tea for him
& he felt better. After
supper I had to go to
auxiliary meeting & when
I got home he'd gone to
bed again. He is very weak.

Tuesday, September 9, 1941

252nd day — 113 days follow

As soon as the doctor had come + gone I went down to the office for Marydore who did some work for Hugie upstairs + then I took her out to the Titan Metal Co. I went in with her + had the pleasure of seeing Jim Craig in his office. On the way home I stopped at Miss Cook's for some plants. After lunch Fr. Thomas came to see Hugie. When Hugie got up to get dressed he didn't leave but sat in living room with him. So I ironed in there too + we all had tea. After supper Mabel F. + Grace came to call - outdoors

Siegie took me downtown to get that newspaper as our cat is being fixed.
Wednesday, September 10, 1941

253rd day — 112 days follow

I did some darning while Hugie was making up his mind to get up. Then I filled a dozen pots with the good earth I got from Mr. Woodring + put violet leaves in them to start plants for church sale. In the afternoon I worked in the rock garden as long as my "sciatic" hip would allow. came in to have tea with Hugie, who was doing some work in the living room. My hip is bothering me quite a bit. But Hugie seems to be much better + that's what counts. Listened to radio

Thursday, September 11, 1941

254th day — 111 days follow

Mary Beizer came out to do some work with Hugie and I canned some more tomatoes, before it was time to take her back. In the afternoon I again deserted & went to take Louis to the Reading Club. She gave me a big piece of angel food to bring home to Hugie. The Elks club sent him a carton of cigarettes and the Legion a get-well card. My wife all around Hugie listened to the Dodgers baseball game on the radio. Read & talked and as usual, early to bed.

Friday, September 12, 1941

255th day — 110 days follow

As usual writing this diary a week late. I got mixed with today & Wednesday. I did not have time to work out doors on Wednesday by the time I got thru potting not only violets but ivy & ferns. But today it was I worked in the rock garden and Hugie took Jack for a little walk down the hill behind the house. A glorious sunny day not too hot. And by evening my hip ached so I could hardly sit still.

Saturday, September 13, 1941

256th day — 109 days follow

Did my washing. Hugie went to his office for a while. The kids noisily at home. After lunch Mike & I went to Dr.cola hills. It was a beautiful day for the drive, but the dawn looked cold & lonely. A woman at the doctor's office wore cute little crocheted bells, red white & blue, so I spent the evening trying to make them. The kids said I had to put dapples in them. They are cute. The kids stay up so late & we go to bed so early it seems like no coming.

Sunday, September 14, 1941

257th day — 108 days follow

No church any more at 8 - Dr. Thomas health. So we went to S.S. & stayed there for church. Fred Reynolds was there & came home with me afterward to see Hugie. Scothy came in, too & we had cocktails. In the afternoon Hugie & Ellen took a little walk - chasing butterflies - while I napped. Then I put ruffles on Ellen's slips to make them longer. While we were eating supper Bill Sieg came in for a few moments. Other wise evening uneventful.

Monday, September 15, 1941

258th day — 107 days follow

Again, wash day.
It seems to come so often.
Hugie went to work as
of old today. In the
afternoon I was getting
Siegie's grapes ready
to make grape juice
when Emmy Lauhaig
came with her enormous
sweater again for me
to take another bump
out of my machine. I
was still making grape
juice when Hugie came
for his egg nog & to listen
to the ball game. Then
we went to Uncle Fred's
80th birthday dinner.
Fred & Bill were there, too.
It was very pleasant.

Tuesday, September 16, 1941

259th day — 106 days follow

Did a few chores up-
stairs & then decided
to paint the kitchen
radiators. I had no
idea it would take so
long, or so much paint.
I ran out of both. In
the afternoon I cleaned
the porch & got all
ready for Mrs. Thomas
& Martha to come with
their sewing. It was
a very nice little party,
such a beautiful day.
After supper Jo came
over with some chives
for my garden. We
looked at my flowers &
then went over to see Mrs.
Lain. I crocheted more
balls.

Wednesday, September 17, 1941

260th day — 105 days follow

I had my morning to do this morning. My aching hip is better since I've been wearing my girdle again. After lunch I took some of my little bells over to Martha to send to Kitty. Then I came home to clean the laundry & finally to can some more tomatoes — open bottle method which I don't like so well. Hagie came home for his egg nog & ball game. He is much better. He had to go to rotary meeting. Dr. Noop. Baker is going to help us out in Thomas' house.

Thursday, September 18, 1941

261st day — 104 days follow

I spent most of the A.M. writing up my diary for the past 3 weeks. I tried to stop it. In the afternoon I went over to Jo's to the Reading club. Started a head hog cover for Mary Craig. Only seven of us there. We had a cold supper. Later just as I was tucking Mike in bed Winifred came in to tell us to look out at the extraordinary northern lights. They lit up the whole sky & came together over head. They wavered & changed rapidly & grew red & then green — for about an hour. That's all.

Friday, September 19, 1941

262nd day — 103 days follow

Poked around doing odd jobs, including cleaning an old silo & top of necklase I found, which turned out to be a beauty when I'd finished, went out in the garden but saw Mrs. Witter & talked to her till noon. After lunch I did get some work done in the rock garden however. Hugie came home early & I rested with him while he drank his egg wagg. I'm getting cream for him now to try to fatten him. After supper Mike read to me. Later I beat Hugie playing cribbage — good old game.

Saturday, September 20, 1941

263rd day — 102 days follow

Did my washing in good time. After lunch the children & I left for Altoona. First, we went to Dr. Glown who checked Henry's eyes & found everything all right, so then we had time to shop. I bought a corselet and had it tried on me much to my embarrassment — also satisfaction. Then we went to the 5 & 10 & had a lovely time. We got home in time for supper. Hugie took the kids to hear a band concert & Ellen got tired & sick & cried. She is most temperamental.

Sunday, September 21, 1941

264th day — 101 days follow

I woke at 9 with a start & such a rush to get to S.S. Church at 11. Father Thomas last Sunday as he is leaving tomorrow for his rest cure. Bobbie Thomas had dinner with us. He is not overly bright. Peter & Richard came in the afternoon & Ellen was in her element but wept when Bobbie left. I sat on porch & made liberty bells. Poor Ellen seemed to weep all evening. I tried to cheer her up. The Shaffers came over. We have Jack's puppy to keep now.

Monday, September 22, 1941

265th day — 100 days follow

Jack & the puppy spent a quiet night together. I was in the midst of my washing when Grace drove in at the back & spent an hour or so with me while I worked. She had the Needlework Guild on her mind mostly. In the afternoon I got Martha to come over & sit on the porch with me while I hung them a couple of Ellen's skirts. It was warm & beautiful out there. After supper I picked a lot of tomatoes & fooled around hating to come indoors but finally got settled reading *Reader's Digest*.

Tuesday, September 23, 1941

266th day — 99 days follow

I prepared three quarts of yellow leaves to can and finished painting the kitchen radiator. In the afternoon I had the ironing to do. I got Jack upstairs - poor jealous Jack - & kept Buckley with me in the laundry. Letting him go out on the grass every now & then. He was very cute & good. He is a bright little fellow. Henry made Lemniscade & I put gin in mine, but it just doesn't agree with me any more. It makes me sleepy. After supper Hugie & I bathed & read.

Wednesday, September 24, 1941

267th day — 98 days follow

After painting the head box & a few things I went out to work in the delphinium bed. It was hot like a summer day & I kept thinking of my bathing suit, but not daring to put it on. After lunch I continued gardening, but with Buckley beside me - he is cute but, oh, what a pest! Catherine Sieg came over & I gave her some plants. After supper Hugie took me up to the college to see Robert Montgomery in "He Comes Too. Jordan" - a very amusing, highly fantastic movie.

Thursday, September 25, 1941

268th day — 97 days follow

Wagon's birth day, so after I'd manicured & pedicured I fixed up some of my little liberty bells & gave her. Also I sent some to Heine for her birthday on Sat. In the afternoon I went over to the arties & the Reading Club. Every one was there for the first time in months. And we planned our needlework Guild campaign. Hugie was out to supper so I fed the dogs & then Mike & I took them for a walk around the block. Letti I finished Man's doily & wrote to Heine. Hugie took ^{care}.

Friday, September 26, 1941

269th day — 96 days follow

It looked like rain, so I first picked beans & can & then the sky cleared so I went to work in my garden. But after lunch I put the beans on the stove & took some plants over to Merry Morris & saw her little half-breed puppies. Then I had to dress to go with Deborah to call on young Mrs. Pendleton, a new Episcopalian in town. She was very nice & gave us Pepsi-Cola to drink. She is soon to have a baby. After supper I washed a bureau cover & read Life. Hugie & Ellen were both at meetings, but I had boys & dogs for company.

Saturday, September 27, 1941

270th day — 95 days follow

Helen's birth day. I did my washing and baked. Evening Louis was lasting sweet. In the afternoon Luke & I went to Docola. It was a gorgeous day again. He read one of his books to me en route. Dr. Harkins looked at my teeth, too & did not find too many holes. Got home at supper time. Ellen went to football game in new shoes & walked home barefoot on account of blisters! Hugie is not feeling well — just I know what is the matter with him. I went over alone to call on Katherine Wolfe at the Fours. Nice evening there.

Sunday, September 28, 1941

271st day — 94 days follow

Daylight time went off last night, so we had an hour more today — unfortunately no early church. But I went to S. S. early in order to meet Dr. Koep-Baker, speech psychologist from State College, who is going to take our services while Dr. Thomas is away. I went to church at 11 & heard his very good sermon. After dinner Ellen & I made the beds. It is warm & sunny & windy out, but I had no zip to work outdoors, nor had Hugie, so he turned on radio & I crocheted bells. He feels better & I wish I knew what to do for him. At 9:30 the Sigs came in for a nice short visit.

Monday, September 29, 1941

272nd day — 93 days follow

Hugie had the doctor come in to see him again & stayed home but not in bed. I did my washing.

After lunch I had to take Hugie to work as his license has been suspended for 300 on account of speeding!! Then I potted my house plants which were out doors & then prepared tomatoes to can. Deborah came in with long pants for Henry! Then I had to go over to Joe to discuss a card party she & Mary & I have to put on at the club. After supper I shortened the pants a bit for Henry & listened to Joe Louis K.C. *son nava*

Tuesday, September 30, 1941

273rd day — 92 days follow

Took Hugie to work. Picked all the vegetables I could so I won't worry about frost as I did last night. Then I worked in rock garden. In the afternoon I went over to Woodrings & got more ivy for my mantel and then proceeded to pick some lonely ivy from the vines on the house, to get for the church sale. As usual I am getting too much. I thought Bucky in while I mowed lawn. In the evening Hugie worked at his desk & I at mine, figuring accounts. Then I read Poet *murder story.*

Wednesday, October 1, 1941

274th day — 91 days follow

Took Hugie to work & did some marketing. It looked like rain so I started to make a slip cover for one of the living room chairs. When the sun came out in all its glory. After lunch Hugie & a sp. agent, Bill Francis, came out to listen to the World Series game on the radio. I went right on with my slip cover. Then Martha & K. Wolfe arrived but the men left & we had our chat & tea in peace. After supper Mike read to me while I finished the cover. Then I had to call a dozen women about the card party at club. Finally read Post.

Thursday, October 2, 1941

275th day — 90 days follow

Took Hugie to work & bought Ellen a red skirt which she needs for her marching team. At home again I called up more club women,ugh! and painted window box, etc. Hugie brought Bill Francis home to lunch today when they left I got ready to go to Winifred's to the Reading club. Not many there. Winifred gave me things for our rummage sale. I had to cook supper when I got home. Went to see Eleona Alexander about rummage, card party & K. Wolfe. Later I read Hugie went to bed at 9.

Friday, October 3, 1941

276th day — 89 days follow

Spent most of the morning in the attic looking over winter clothes & for something to make Ellen a blouse with long sleeves for her gym team. I found a dainty dress that was mother's & after lunch I nipped it apart & made new sleeves out of the skirt. It made a very nice blouse. I also had to make the red skirt smaller. I got a box from Aunt Maude with a suit & dress for me — more re-modelling! After supper I read "Life" until I had to take Hugo to the Dr. to have his nose packed, & to get Ellen from an impromptu dance at the school.

Saturday, October 4, 1941

277th day — 88 days follow

Evagren left this morning for the week end with Lora so I had to get breakfast. In the midst of my washing I had to take the car to Hugo who now has a permit to drive to his work. Thank goodness!

After lunch I cut Hugo's hair before he & Ellen went to the football game. I took a little nap while Hugo listened to ball game. When I joined Mike on lower porch to do a few odd jobs. Mike all alone. I got supper & later Hugo & I went over to the Sings for a chat & a sandwich with them. It is frightfully hot!

Sunday, October 5, 1941

278th day — 87 days follow

Slept too long & had an awful time getting S.S. on time - Dr. K. B. Parker was there, too. I went over to Dets for a cigarette between S.S. & church. I certainly do like Dr. K. B. Hugie had dinner with him at Buck Fred's. I went home & cooked a steak for 40 - & we had ice cream with choc. sauce. Ellen & I made the beds when the dishes were done & at 4 decided to go to Buck Creek for a swim!! Henry went, too - but I forgot my suit so had to sit with Aunt Gertie, who was in bed while the kids swam. Home to supper. Read papers.

Monday, October 6, 1941

279th day — 86 days follow

Wagean back again after his vice trip. I did the washing & had Buckley in the laundry with me - he is most amusing. After lunch I washed the lower part of the downstairs windows. It is still very hot - real July weather. Then I washed the panes of a couple of window trays & reported some violet. Supper came along before I had finished. I forgot it gets dark so early nowadays. Hugie went to a rotary meeting and I tried to read, but was tired & spent most of the time idly watching the dogs which I'd brought in ^{the lapins}.

Tuesday, October 7, 1941

280th day — 85 days follow

Am still in the best of health
doggone it. I did a lot of
mending by machine
with Bucky pestering at
my feet — it is too hot to
leave the dogs out in the
pen. At 12 Mary Craig took
Jo & me to the club to see
if everything was O.K. for
the luncheon. Bob, the steward
got sick all of a sudden
& we had to help put the
things on the table. Later
when they were playing
cards, Jo & Mary & I sat on
the cool porch. I smoked.
Hugie making new dog pen
when I got home. After
supper I lounged for a
while & then stretched
out to read.

Wednesday, October 8, 1941

281st day — 84 days follow

Took over stuff for
rummage sale & picked
beans for lunch & then
polished silver, but not
all of it. After lunch
Hugie took my stuff to the
Parish House where we
will have our sale this
year. But I walked
down & stop to see Grace
with a bunch of calendulas.
She is still very weak —
she says she had pneu-
monia. Then I went over
& worked altho we didn't
have any hangers or
racks to hang them on!
Hugie still carpentering
for the dogs. After supper I
wrote to Aunt Maud & read

Thursday, October 9, 1941

282nd day — 83 days follow

Studied the problem of
matching up various
coats, pants & sweaters
for "Sunday Seints" for the
boys. Then I finished
polishing the silver
for Miss Peters' benefit.
She is coming tomorrow
with Heenie. After lunch
Maantha took me to State
College to Janet's for the
Reading Club. Still
reading *Theodosia*.
I had a letter from Gen
in Allentown which I
read to them. Hugie
out to supper. I didn't
eat until after I had
finished reading *Life*.
Hugie home early —

Friday, October 10, 1941

283rd day — 82 days follow

I did my washing today
to be free tomorrow — it
snowed & then it rained
& gave me the heebie jeebies.
In the afternoon I went
to the rummage sale
again & put tags on in-
numerable rags. Deborah
brought me home & made
tea for us. Then Ellen & I
made beds. After supper
Hugie & I went to Lewis town
to meet Heenie & Miss Peters
her boss. On the way home
we stopped at the Boy Scout
Camp where Henry is spend-
ing the night — we did not
see him, but we amused
by the prevailing excitement.
Miss Peters thrilled by everything

Saturday, October 11, 1941

284th day — 81 days follow

Heinie, Miss Petrus & I had a leisurely breakfast & then wandered out to see the garden. We decided to pack a bunch to cook at Moshannan dam. We built a nice fire but it was windy & we were cold in spite of it. Even two dogs didn't warm us up. We dropped Nan Petrus & Ellen at the movies in Philipshay & Mike & Heinie & I went on to Osceola where Dr. Harkin worked on all three of us. Home a bit late for supper but Nan had enjoyed the ride. After supper the Shufflers came to call & Nan seemed to enjoy that, too.

Sunday, October 12, 1941

285th day — 80 days follow

The kids & I were off to S.S. before the rest were up. Father Lickfield had Communion for us today & there was a good congregation. Heinie & Nan went calling. After dinner those two & the kids & Peter & I walked up Schach's Gap. Nan thought it would be a good idea to bring home some pears we found up there — I carried them in my sweater. We also dug up some little ferns. Heinie & I got supper later & then we sat around yawning until we could stand it no longer. Too much fresh air.

Monday, October 13, 1941

286th day — 79 days follow

After breakfast the ladies
+ I wandered about in
the sunshine looking
at the flowers. We had
an early lunch after
which I drove Heinie
+ Nan to Lewis town +
put them on the train. I
came home alone enjoying
the peace + silence of the
mountains. Picked some
vegetables and transplanted
some potted flowers when
I got home. After supper
I went to the Auxiliary
meeting — very few there
and a shame it was, too —
as Dr. Keop. Baker was there
to talk to us of his work
which was very interesting.

Tuesday, October 14, 1941

287th day — 78 days follow

A beautiful sunny day
when I started my wash-
ing, but by the time it was
ready to hang there were
black rain clouds. Hugie
at Ruwari's club + when
I fed Burkey, Jack ran
away, just vanished +
it took me a long time
to find him. But I at
last got over to Martha's
where she + I had one
of our usual chummy
afternoons. After supper
Hugie had something
+ attend so I wrote to
Gen + Adelaide Thomas
+ packed up a box of
clothes from rummage
sale + send to Miss Park.

Wednesday, October 15, 1941

288th day — 77 days follow

I wrote a note to Mrs. Witter who is in an Ohio hospital after an auto. accident. Also one to Grace who continues to be quite sick. Then I went down town to pay my bills & rode home with Hugie. After lunch I walked down the street to see some of my Needlework Guild people which, as usual, took longer than I expected — some of them are so very friendly. Finally I started my ironing did 3 hrs of it but did not finish. After supper Hugie & I went to State College over that nice new road to see Fred Stearns & Rita Hayworth in "Billie Jean" ^{the Rich}.

Thursday, October 16, 1941

289th day — 76 days follow

The kids have no school-teacher institute. I finished my ironing & then went calling again for the N.V.P. After lunch I went downtown & returned a \$3. blouse & got 2 for less money. Then I went to Olive's Deborah's to the R.C. Olive was there & I wondered why she likes it so much — no one seemed very glad to see her. Afterward Diego & I took a walk & then came here for a cocktail. She left at 8 & I realized it was getting cold, so Mike & Ellen helped me pick tomatoes & eggplant by flashlight. Hugie at desk. I read "Life" & went to bed when Hugie came home from Scouts.

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Friday, October 17, 1941

290th day — 75 days follow

It did freeze last night
& my poor garden is gone.
Evagene & I secured 4 lbs
of tomatoes. Hugie got 5 was
coked but Bill McCord who
was hunting with him took
3 of them! After lunch I had
to go to Lila Mary's to get a
permanent. Spent pleasant
afternoon there. I got a
pair of nylon stockings from
Nan Peters — very nice. After
supper I went out to see
a couple more needlework
projects. Pete came in to
see Hugie. I did some
mending. Grace is still
sick so I am going to have
to take over her needlework
list. lots of people I don't
know.

Saturday, October 18, 1941

291st day — 74 days follow

Hugie went hunting again
with Pete. and I overslept
but managed to get the
small was being done
before lunch. After lunch
I fixed a skirt of mine to
fit Ellen & then took a
nap until time to dress in
Aunt Maud's suit, Heenie's
hat & Nan's stockings (!) to
go to Betty Harvey's tea
in honor of Olive. It was
raining outdoors, but
cozy & cheerful indoors.
After supper I called up
some of Grace's needlework
list & then the Sheffers
came & I served bells
together. Ellen came home
at 12 from a house dance.
We were all in bed.

Sunday, October 19, 1941

292nd day — 73 days follow

The kids & I got to S.S. one time — Dr. Koep-Baker was there & told us a story. Jo & Peter Shaffer went to church with ~~them~~ us to hear him & were very enthusiastic. Then Dr. K.-B. came to our house to dinner which he seemed to enjoy very much. I had asked his wife too. He certainly is interesting. After he left I made the beds! And then went down to call on Grace who is much better. I also stopt to see some U.V.G. people whom I didn't know — a job I hate. After supper we went over to the Shaffers — saw Bill about going to his camp.

Monday, October 20, 1941

293rd day — 72 days follow

Did my washing and potted a few more plants for the church. After lunch Hugie stayed to finish the doghouse roof before it would rain. I went out to watch him & then got busy pulling up frozen beans & tomatoes & picking the fruit from them that seemed edible. I worked hard & enjoyed it. Then I potted a few more plants. Hugie & Ellen went to a dinner in honor of the choir & the boys & I ate cereal. I wrote a nice letter to Bean tearing up one in which I had talked about Easter. No use bringing that up again. Later I helped Hugie pick woodcock.

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Tuesday, October 21, 1941

294th day — 71 days follow

I felt very burn and stayed in bed for breakfast & slept most of the morning in spite of Wagner & the radio. But in the afternoon I had to do the ironing — fortunately it was a very small one. Then Hugie came & wanted me to drive him out to a place to hunt. It was a beautiful spot — quiet & full of peace. I read a queen story in the Post & then picked up Hugie & Jack & then woodcock. We had to hurry to dress to go to Dottie & Phil Ray's anniversary dinner party. The Seigs were there too & it was very pleasant. They are a nice couple.

Wednesday, October 22, 1941

295th day — 70 days follow

I feel even worse today than I did yesterday. I came downstairs late in my house coat and then did a few mending jobs before getting dressed. After lunch I thought I'd take a nap but little Mrs. Bullock came with her N.W. Guild things & stop to pay a call. I settled down again & then Hugie came to go hunting & then the kids came home so I gave up & read the Post. After supper I had more energy & darned socks with radio for company as Hugie was working on dog house.

Thursday, October 23, 1941

296th day — 69 days follow

I had a brilliant thought to make Grace's goblet covers out of old lace curtains! So I washed them & a little private washing & then it was lunch time. In the afternoon we had the annual meeting of the Needlework Guild at Catherine Siegs - Grace being sick. We brought all our garments & I listed them while they packed them in boxes. Less garments but more money than last year. After supper Hugie had to go out but I spent three hours reading interesting copies of *Life*.

Friday, October 24, 1941

297th day — 68 days follow

I did my washing so as to be free tomorrow.

Saturday, October 25, 1941

298th day — 67 days follow

Heinie & I broke fasted together. Hugie hunting with Pete. We had the car so we set forth with the kids & examined the work being done at the new High School. We went on to the old one & there Mr. Stock showed us the blue prints for new one. After lunch Heinie & I, Mike, Peter & Henry hurried over to Oscola by 1:45 & then we waited — & we waited for 2 hours before any of us got to the chair — & I never did get my tooth filled! But Heinie was pleased with her work. Hurried home, late, to woodcock supper. Hugie in vile humor. Read bed early.

Sunday, October 26, 1941

299th day — 66 days follow

The kids & I went 8:55. & Heinie joined us at church after calling on Grace. Dr. Koop-Baker's sermon was not so good as here before, but Heinie liked him. After dinner we made beds & fooled around until four-thirty when Henry & I took Heinie to Lewisport. Her train was very late & six trains went thru first-runch to Henry's delight. He & I had a milkshake in Lewisport before coming home. Later Hugie & I went over to call on Jo's sister & husband. Not very exciting.

Monday, October 27, 1941

300th day — 65 days follow

The was being again
and a rainy day. I
fixed up some old frames
while washing & radio
not get finished before
lunch. When I did
finish - at 2:30, I was
tired & lay on down-
port, "for a minute,"
waking up when Henry
came in two hours
later. I think driving
the car so much tired
me & makes my hip
ache. After supper
I took Mike & Ellen to
choir practice & stayed
to sing, too. Hugie & Henry
out, too! Ellen & I listened
to radio later, I sewing.

Tuesday, October 28, 1941

301st day — 64 days follow

Had a few chores to do
upstairs first, but I
finally got down to
the "studio" to try to
paint an old fashioned
group of flowers to put
in the old walnut &
gilt frame I got from
Miss Cook. By three
it was finished & framed
to my satisfaction. I
tried to paint a little
wooden panel - but I
was fast losing interest
in painting. So I called
it a day. After supper
I went with Jo to the
P. J. A. meeting which
was dull & long & the
seats were hard. Jo came
in to see picture.

Wednesday, October 29, 1941

302nd day — 63 days follow

Did my morning with one eye admiring my pretty flower picture. I do hope some one will pay me \$7.50 for it! After lunch Hugie asked me to take him hunting - I called up Mary Craig who is having Reading club today - packed a lunch + got out my riding pants + boots. While he + Jack hunted I gathered moss for Ellen's terrarium. It was a beautiful day. At 5 we ate our sandwiches + then called on Aunt Gertie + Uncle George. Then we went to a turkey Bar-B-Q place. We had fun - 0. kid took care of themselves 0.5.

Thursday, October 30, 1941

303rd day — 62 days follow

I washed my hair + had a time setting new wave. Then I went downstairs + painted another flower picture. Siegie dropped in for a minute. I finished the picture at 3:30 gummies, this time + an original, not a copy like the first. Then I put on my handsome black suit to go with Siegie + go to Mary to the Girl Scout tea party. Ellen went to movies. Mike to another masquerade + Hugie to his office. Henry studied + I wrote to Ned + Peter (yellow dress she sent) + to Helen Heller who sent me a book of Max I gave her. Brian

Friday, October 31, 1941

304th day — 61 days follow

I put a few more touches on the flower picture & framed it. Then I set about finding stuff to turn Mike into a hunter tonight in the parade — with Buckley! During lunch I had to help Mike & Henry dress up for their school parties. Finally, all was quiet again & I sat in Hugie's little room all afternoon & conquered a pile of mending. And it began to rain. To parade. After supper I had a brilliant idea for Hugie's costume & made him a fancy skirt out of an old one. Then we went over to Sheffers for an hour

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Saturday, November 1, 1941

305th day — 60 days follow

I did the washing — In the afternoon I assembled costumes and pressed them. Then Nina Lamb came & I gave her a cup of tea before we went to the church to fix it for tonight. After supper the whole family & all the Sings & Sheffers went to church with us (not the papas) to hear Dr. Key-Baker preach on All Sts Day. Then we donned our costumes. Hugie & I peasants & went first to the Ray for a drink & then to the Halloween dance at the club which was not wonderful but nice.

Sunday, November 2, 1941

306th day — 59 days follow

Managed to get to S.S. on time & then went to church with Nilsa. Huguie had to go to Lutheran church with Kiwanis. In the afternoon I took a short nap & then made beds - all alone so Ellen was in a bad humor - & put away the wash, etc. Then I went over to see Martha and had such a pleasant time with her. I stayed nearly two hours. Hers is a most peaceful house of a Sunday afternoon.

Monday, November 3, 1941

307th day — 58 days follow

A great big washing to do and I fooled around with my plants while doing it. Our little turtle looks kind of sick. After lunch I hung up the wash in spite of the clouds & kept an eye on them while spotting five of my violets. I wonder why I bother with so many house plants. I also washed the pebbles & trays. I was very tired by supper time & was glad when the boys decided they didn't want to be in parade but would go alone to watch it. I took a nap & then read.

Tuesday, November 4, 1941

308th day — 57 days follow

I put away costumes etc and did some mending. In the afternoon I had to iron. I finished just when Henry came home from school, so he went with me to the Seeps to dig some soil from their garden for me to use potting plants. I went on to the Loues for some plants Blanche had for me & pulled out two of their rubber plants - frozen - which I shall try to nurse back to health. After supper, Hugie & I went to see Gary Cooper in "Sergeant York" which was very good.

Wednesday, November 5, 1941

309th day — 56 days follow

My chores done, I started the third & last of my series of flower pictures for Miss Cook's frames. I had it nearly finished by three o'clock when Hugie came home & wanted me to take him hunting. It was a nice balmy day & I sat in the car & read the Post & watched some barn yard ducks swimming in a little stream beside me. And enjoyed the peace. After supper Hugie went to his office to work and I made some big boxes of matches for Martha to trade for some little ones I made her once before.

Thursday, November 6, 1941

310th day — 55 days follow

At 10:30 Deborah came for me to go to the college. I took Ma's / 908 white blanket coat to be dyed to wear this winter. I also took six of my "liberty bells" which Mr. Schlow paid me \$3.00 !!! Then Deborah had lunch here with us. I finished last night's matches before we went over to Jo's to the Reading club. We finally got "Theodosia" Burr drowned safely. Eleanor Shaffer was there - ugh. Hargie at the club. I ate cereal & pulled threads in Martha's corner before Deborah again came for me, this time to go to Parish House card party which was a good one.

Friday, November 7, 1941

311th day — 54 days follow

I put the white flowers in the third painting & finished it. Then I took the little turtle, we have had all summer in a box, out doors as Mr. Frazier suggested. It seems to want to hibernate. I watched him crawl around until I got cold. I waited in vain to see him dig. Hope he will be O.K. - he's a cute little fellow. I spent the afternoon polishing silver & thinking of all I have to do before Christmas. After supper with much confusion Ellen & Mike went to choir & then to dance & to Billy's, while Hargie took Hum & me to see E. Flynn visit his bomber. Ellen came at 12.

Saturday, November 8, 1941

312th day — 53 days follow

I did the washing & wrote up my diary. Ellen hung most of it as Mike & I had to hurry with our lunch & be off to school. There was only one woman waiting at Dr. Harkins such a contrast to 2 weeks ago! I had two teeth filled & Mike had his braces taken off — his teeth look fine. And before we knew it we were back in Bellefonte getting the key to the church furnished so I had to fix things for tomorrow. At 8 Huges & I went to Lewisport for Mini & Bean, the latter a bit the worse for his reunion at Princeton. He went to bed, but M. & H. & I had drinks. O

Sunday, November 9, 1941

313th day — 52 days follow

Ellen & I went to church at 8. Canon Gost here for the Peace Day service at 11. I went to S. S. but stayed at home to make the beds at 11 & wait for Mary to get up. Bo went to church. Mike in choir for first time. After dinner Bean took Mary & me & the boys for a ride while Huges painted the dog house & Ellen sewed doll dresses. We brought the boys home & then went down to see Uncle Fred & Grace, who is not improving very fast. I made gas house eggs for supper & then we sat around & talked till we all got sleepy.

Monday, November 10, 1941

314th day — 51 days follow

Bo came down to breakfast in time to go down town with me & help me pay my bills & look for baby cassettes! After lunch he & Mary & I took a walk out in the quarries & on the mountain. We took Jack & Buckey with us & all enjoyed it. After supper I had to go to an auxiliary meeting - birthday party with cake & tea - I had set table in afternoon. It was a long meeting but I finally got home to find John & Martha & Bob Whitmer & Jo Lee. They were all full of fun (except Jo) & it was nice evening.

Tuesday, November 11, 1941

315th day — 50 days follow

Beau took Mary & the children to the parade. Hugie had gone hunting but I had to do the wash. Beau shined boots later & we all had cocktails in the laundry! After lunch we took Hugie out to Green Valley to hunt & drove on thru ranch to Mary's consternation. Then Bob & I pulled carrots & beets for them to take home, also gave them peaches & strawberries. We picked up Hugie & Jack in Green Valley & went to Lewisburg for their 6 P.M. train. Hugie & I ate on way home at dairy store. I drove. Read a bit.

Mrs's + Dad's wedding day

Wednesday, November 12, 1941

316th day — 49 days follow

Felt sort of lost without
Beau + Mary to wait for
this morning. Did my
chores + then went to the
cellar to finish potting
my church plants - an
arduous nuisance. After
lunch I continued with
them until nearly four +
then I started to iron. But
Siegie + Mrs. Rosenberg
came + I made tea for them
upstairs - Ellen helping.
So, after supper, I again
started to iron + this
time the Sheffers arrived
but I got them to come
down stairs - Hugie was
brushing the dog. He did
get to living room. Later
+ had highballs.

Thursday, November 13, 1941

317th day — 48 days follow

Mary Craig called up for me
to go with some of the Reading
club to the college to lunch -
but I had too much I
planned to do at home -
First, I gave Busby a bath.
He was scared to death at
first, but I calmed him
down a bit. He didn't en-
joy it however. Then I cut
off a side of a big patched
quilt + put it on the end
to make it fit Ellen's bed.
After lunch Siegie took me
+ Mrs. R. up to Janets.
We read another short bio-
graphy of Theodosia + then
started "Paralogia Trunk" by
Edna Ferber. I cooked supper.
Later did my accounts while
Hugie went to see her.

Friday, November 14, 1941

318th day — 47 days follow

Spent the morning cleaning the blinds, screens and windows in the boys' room. After lunch Hugie & I went down to Mike's school to visit for half an hour. It is National education week. Miss Johnson seemed a bit stodgy. Then I went down town & bought Mike some shirts. I stopped to see Grace. Was there 1 1/2 hrs listening to her go on about Mary & Fred. Then I stopped to see another in-law, Mrs. Witter, still flat on her back. She is sweet. After supper I read "Life" & finished first Red Cross book.

Saturday, November 15, 1941

319th day — 46 days follow

Hugie went hunting with Pete. It was a beautiful day & I hung the wash thankfully out in the sunshine. After lunch I cut Mike's & Ellen's hair - trimmed my own a bit, too! Then Ellen & I dug up a bushel of carrots! I left the other row of them in - I don't know how to keep them. Then I cut off dead plants, etc. It was like spring. Hugie came home with a duck & a grouse! After supper we went over to the Seigo to call on Mrs. Rosenberg. They had some other callers for a while, Margie Taylor & "To" who amused us. Nice evening.

Sunday, November 16, 1941

320th day — 45 days follow

Dr. Hoep-Baker gave the whole S.S. a talk on symbolism. Then I took Mrs. Rosenberg & Ann to church at 11. He spoke of a Christ-like little cripple who suffered terribly & Ann's own crippled eyes were full of pity. After dinner Ellen & I made the beds & then I cleaned the cold room & the laundry with vacuum cleaner. And got very tired. I sat down with a cocktail & read a murder story before getting supper for Huguie & me. I was thinking of going to bed when the Shoppers came. — I wonder if they come because they like us — or our liquor!

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Monday, November 17, 1941

321st day — 44 days follow

Another nice sunny day for my washing — only I didn't get it hung out until after lunch — I had talked too long to Evagene about her taking a night course of stenography. In the afternoon I attached the windows in Huguie's little room. I could have done more, but Deborah dropped in for a little while. After supper I started to make matches — Seegie came in to see about food for camp — and then, when she left, Huguie suggested picking the duck — such a task!

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Tuesday, November 18, 1941

322nd day — 43 days follow

I cleaned the rest of the blinds upstairs but no more windows as I took the cleaner to the attic to suck up the millions of flies up there. At lunch Deborah asked me to go State College. So I took my flower pictures & try to sell — Mrs. Blain didn't want them & Mr. Schlow was away. But my white coat was ready — dyed dark blue & looking very nice. I treated to tea at the corner shop. I had intended to iron when I got home, but I was too weary so I knitted — all evening.

Wednesday, November 19, 1941

323rd day — 42 days follow

I spent the morning in bed — lazily thinking of all the things I had to do before lunch. After lunch I took Hugie out to Pine Glen to hunt. I sat in the car & got a lot of knitting done on my Red Cross sock. It was so very still in the woods — just 3 little birds & an occasional breeze in the leaves. I had to cook supper when I got home — the boys helped me with the dishes as Ellen had a meeting. And then I had to do the ironing — the boys & Hugie were down there, too, with the dogs and it was all very cheery. And then to bed.

Thursday, November 20, 1941

324th day — 41 days follow

Did some mending & various odd jobs & got ready for the Reading club which met here in the afternoon. There were only six of us, Jo, Sing, Mary, Dibs & Beasley & I. Wagon made bran muffins for us & after tea we read on until five thirty, as we like "Saratoga Drink" very much. When they left I had to hurry to get dressed to go with Hugie to Beech Lake to Aunt Getie's & my niece. Had supper for Mary & Exhumiler — about a dozen of the family there and a nice get together.

Friday, November 21, 1941

325th day — 40 days follow

Did the washing and washed a lot of my carrots for Ellen to take to the Harvest home at the church. After lunch I got ready to go to Fishing Creek with Singie — we stopped to see when Jo was going. Solly, of course, had to get sick. Then we stopped for the sausage & for the turkey but finally got to the camp where Swartzell had sick fries burning. We had time for a drink before Hugie & Pete came in from hunting — one rabbit & a blackbird! We four had dinner & then had fun bidding each other, etc. until Bill finally came from New York — tired & cross.

1941 Saturday, November 22, 1941

326th day — 39 days follow

Hugie, Pete & Bill got up at 7 & went hunting. Catherine & I slept on. After we had eaten sausage & cakes we took a walk in the woods & gathered moss. When we got back to camp Jo was there! We sat on the dock in the sun & the men were very late getting back to lunch. The girls took a little nap. Then Pete & Bill napped, but Hugie & Jack went hunting again & Jo, Catherine & I walked out the state road. Drinks - then a big turkey dinner. Later I got Hugie to take a walk with me but we only got as far as the swing of Fore Lewis cabin. ^{Sat in front of fire, drinking.}

1941 Sunday, November 23, 1941

327th day — 38 days follow

It rained all night, rained - on the roof - but we all slept till nine o'clock, then Jack & I had to go out! More sausage & cakes, all of us together except Bill who slept till lunch time. Later we went out on the dock & shot beer cans which we threw in the creek. And after a lunch of cold turkey we shot at mark. Hugie got first, Pete second & I third - then Bill, Jo & Cat. Jo & I went out in the net & gathered pine cones for our kids. More drinks in front of the fire before we made our selves pack up & go home. We hated to leave. But kids glad to see us - cold supper & very early to bed.

Monday, November 24, 1941

328th day — 37 days follow

Back at the old job of washing again, but not with the usual vigor. I had to hang it up after lunch & then I took a little nap until Martha arrived. We had tea & cake but neither one of us seemed very chatty. Hugie went out to dinner & the kids wanted cold supper. Henry caught a mouse in one of his boots! I knitted & knitted, sometimes talking to the kids when they came in from their various meetings, and sometimes listening to radio — until 11:30

Tuesday, November 25, 1941

329th day — 36 days follow

Hurried thru my clothes to get to the "studio" to paint a picture of Ellen & Mike on one canvas to give Heenie for Christmas. I drew it in first & started on Mike before lunch. In the afternoon when I was working on Ellen, Siegie came in for a while. After she left Gen Walker, in town for an hour, called me on the phone. And then it grew dark & Ellen wasn't finished & I bathed Jack's sore foot in epsom salts. And I produced a sauerkraut dinner (w. off) And later I ironed. Henry read to me

Wednesday, November 26, 1941

330th day — 35 days follow

As early as I could I went down to my painting — made Ellen look more like herself & then started on Henry. Henry went today hunting without success. I painted after lunch until the girls came for me to go to Reading club at Mary's. I finished the fourth & last Red Cross sock. When I got home I had to clean up my paints & soak Jack's foot in epsom salts & get dressed for my guests — Maudie & Grace who came to eat grouse. First time Grace has been out & she enjoyed it very much. They left at 9 & then I made matches.

Thanksgiving Day.

Thursday, November 27, 1941

331st day — 34 days follow

I got up at 7 to bind up Jack's sore toe before Henry & Pete went hunting. Then back to bed. Later I went to work on the kids picture again. We had lunch at noon. I finished the picture in the afternoon in spite of a bunch of kids painting pine cones right beside me. I fished up the moss from Fishing Creek in a couple of bowls, one for me & one for the church. We had our big dinner — duck & woodcock — better than grouse, I think. I made more matches while Henry took Ellen to see Fred & Estine. Then the Sheppers came in.

Friday, November 28, 1941

332nd day — 33 days follow

Did a few odd jobs upstairs & then went downtown to buy things for our missionary box. Came home with Augie. It is such a nice balmy day that I had to wash more windows, even tho there were millions of other things I had to do, too. When it got too dark for windows Ellen & I ground up fruit for marmalade. After supper I had to go to an altar Guild meeting — but Dr. H.B. didn't get to it, as expected. Henry was home alone with Mike who felt sick & went to bed before supper. Real life.
 ~~Ellen out late at party.~~

Saturday, November 29, 1941

333rd day — 32 days follow

Did a big washing & had a nice sun to put it in. Early lunch & then Mike & I picked up Aunt Maude Sieg & Peter to go to Osceola hills. We didn't have to wait at all — I got my teeth cleaned by Claire and Dr. Harkins pronounced Mike's job done! Thank goodness! We had sodas — Aunt Ma's treat & came home by the dam — beautiful scene when colorless. Mike & I went to the church to fix the flowers in memory of Augie's father. Ev. had our supper in the oven. Augie went to office & I ironed curtains & soaked
 ~~John's foot.~~

Sunday, November 30, 1941

334th day — 31 days follow

Took the children to S.S. and before our class wrote letters to H. Thomas. Then I spread out my 2 layettes for the mission box at the back of the church for every one to see. Good sermon about the Thuroslah who lived long but did nothing else. Sent the altar flowers to H. Thomas in Va! After dinner Hugie left for deer camp, as I was sure he would. So I made a pin of for church sale & kids painted pine cones, ditto. Ellen got supper. I had took lunch getting made made started - no supper! but finished it at 11.

Monday, December 1, 1941

335th day — 30 days follow

I decided to take advantage of Hugie's absence & paint a picture of myself to give him for Xmas. But first I had to pack the mission box & it was 11 before I started to paint. By 3:30 I was very well pleased with it. Henry came in & liked it & then Siegie came & raved. She took me to the P.O. with my mission box. Then I touched up Ellen & Hugie's eyes a bit in their portraits. Deborah came to supper and went with me to see my beloved Ronald Coleman in "My Life with Caroline." I loved it.

Deborah stopt in with a good
idea for my ~~new~~ ^{new} card.

Tuesday, December 2, 1941

336th day — 29 days follow

When I went down to do
the washing the picture
of me didn't please me.
So I got out the paints
& worked on it while I
washed — an awful thing
to do — neither job gets
finished. After lunch I
worked on the picture
till I had it where I
wanted it & then finished
the washing — at 3:30!
Then I sent out folders
for Kleenex (of silk) so
came over to see the
portrait & liked it. I
hope Hugie will! I
stitched the folders be-
fore supper & afterward
Edna & I worked till late
making pine cone strings

Wednesday, December 3, 1941

337th day — 28 days follow

An unusual morning — I
sat in the living room &
sewed! Finished the folders
I stitched last night. Then
I started to draw a ~~new~~ ^{new} card
on Deborah's idea —
a star with our heads in it.
I was working on it after
lunch when Hugie came
home! I went upstairs &
talked to him. While he
prepared to take a nap!
Then I finished the card
& went to the laundry
to do my ironing — 4 linen
sheets! After supper I
went to Betty Emerson
Miller's to play bridge
with Jean McGawey, Mrs.
Kurtz & Pat Davies. ~~Jesus~~ ^{Jesus} fit
of church.

Thursday, December 4, 1941

338th day — 27 days follow

Wise to wake up & see Hugie in the next bed again. I spent the morning washing my plants for the church bazaar and packing up all the things to take down there. Hugie took me & them after lunch. I spent the afternoon there, selling my plants & helping at the fancy work table. We made \$120! I had tea with Martha when she came in late. Ellen "cooked" supper for Home Ec. credit with beans, etc. I had bought at bazaar. I went to bed early & read. Tired & stiff. Hugie to bed ^{early too}.

Friday, December 5, 1941

339th day — 26 days follow

It took me most of the morning to figure out my accounts, & then Din #3 short. Finally, I put on my dyed coat & got Eva again & cut it too short. I almost wept. After lunch I cleaned up the saucers from the plants I took to the bazaar & then went with Peg to Deborah's the Reading club. We like "Saratoga trunk" very much. When I got home I went over to call on Mrs. Wither until supper time. In the evening Hugie went to his office to work. Henry read to me while I served a hit, & then I read.

LIFE.

Saturday, December 6, 1941

340th day — 25 days follow

Did my washing +
cleaned up the laundry.
After lunch I dug up the
rest of the carrots + beets
as a cold wind is blow-
ing + I foresee winter. Then
I gilded two of Miss Cook's
frames, for Hugie's + my
portraits. At last, I had
to bring myself to fix
the coat I cut too short.
I worked in the library
with Betty + Ellen who
were also sewing. Hugie
+ I went down to Uncle
Fred's to dinner with Fred,
who simply leaves me
cold. But everything was
very nice. When we came
home at 10 I wrote to Hennie
+ Miss Orlan before bedtime.

Hugie in Fork Haven in evening

Sunday, December 7, 1941

341st day — 24 days follow

Hugie wanted to go to his
office so he dropped us
at Sunday School. Be-
tween then + church I went
over to Deborah's for a cig-
aret. Dr. Koef-Baker had
the grippe but came to hold
the service anyway, but no
sermon. We had a nice
big duck for dinner. In
the afternoon the kids all
went out in the cold bright
sunshine + Hugie took off
screws. But I made
beds + put away the wash
+ mended Hennie's desk.
The radio announces U.S.
at war with Japan! Japan
dropt bombs on Hawaii.
Listened to it all evening
sewing with Ellen.

Monday, December 8, 1941

342nd day — 23 days follow

The war news continues - everyone seems to be declaring war against Japan. I did my washing tomorrow. And after lunch went downtown to get a box to pack for Miss Park. Then I washed the rest of the windows upstairs in spite of snow flurries. After supper I had to go to the auxiliary meeting - very few there although quite a lot of bulky things for me to pack. Mrs. Baney stayed to help me finish it - she is the kindest woman I know. Tried to read when I got home, but kept thinking
OF WAR

Tuesday, December 9, 1941

343rd day — 22 days follow

A few chores to do upstairs before I attacked the blinds in the living room - inches of dirt on them, mostly lime. I got one window washed before lunch. Hugie & Kivans, but about three he called up to say that we had to "report at the observation post" - alias, Shellcross camp. I hurried to finish the few windows & drove out with Catherine Sieg - we two & Hugie & Kivans were the only ones to appear for a while. Home to supper & then Hugie had to go back. I made him some sandwiches. I did some ironing but soon went to bed to read.

Wednesday, December 10, 1941

344th day — 21 days follow

Hugie came home from the Shallcross observation post at three & went back at seven. He was in a terrible state of mind. I tried to wash the dining room windows but spent most of the time on the telephone arranging for girls to go to observe this afternoon. Mary & Jim Craig came for me after lunch & we drove down — Jim rode home with Hugie. Mary & I reported 8 planes & got a lot of sewing & talking done.

Siegie & Jo relieved us at 4. Washed another window when I got home. After supper I ironed. Hugie & I both went to bed.

Thursday, December 11, 1941

345th day — 20 days follow

Hugie had a good sleep & seems to feel fine, though grumpy. I tried to hang some velvet curtains before Mary Craig came for me to "observe" from 10 to 12. We saw only one plane. In the afternoon Martha took me to the Presbyterian bazaar & then I went there shopping by myself. Got Ellen a darling chair for her bedroom — seems so extravagant these times but who knows what will be happening next year. Ellen cooked supper — Hugie at club. She did very well. I got the curtains hung & read till Hugie came home.

Friday, December 12, 1941

346th day — 19 days follow

I got up at 6 with Hugie + got his breakfast for him before he went out to the observation post. Then went back to bed. At 10 Mary + I went out to relieve Hugie and at 12 George Lyon relieved us after we had reported only 2 planes. After lunch Mary took me up to State College + I ordered a desk for Mike at Sears Roebuck. Then we went to Peggip to the Reading club. Sam Shellenbross came there but didn't get any new volunteers for his air post. After supper I had to go to church to meet Dr. K.D. he came just as we had looked up. So we met him

Saturday, December 13, 1941

347th day — 18 days follow

When I woke I gave thanks that I was not due at Twin mount. For a hard snow or sleet is falling. I did the washing, including all the lace curtains which is a new wracking job as they are so old. After lunch the kids all went to the movies so I peacefully cut out pajamas for Po. the pattern is old like the lace curtains. Mary + Jim Craig came to eat grouse with us. Kids in kitchen - and then we played bridge in front of fire - nice party

Sunday, December 14, 1941

348th day — 17 days follow

Went to Sunday School
& church as usual. There
was a meeting of the
teachers & then the vestry
with Dr. H. B. afterward
& I thought we'd never
get home. After dinner
Ellen helped me make
the beds. Then I put the
initials on Beans' pyjama
pockets and finally got
around to sewing them
up. Hugie was at his
office & I had both dogs
in the house. Berkey is
cute, after all. I stitched
& I stitched — took time
out to get supper for Hugie
& me and finished the
pyjamas at 11, tired & sore.

Monday, December 15, 1941



349th day — 16 days follow

Felt like the sickens
but had to get up to do
the washing. And Grace
came to call, in the
laundry. Mary phoned
that she can't get her
car out on account of
ice, but Grace offered
Woodie — who came at
quarter to one to take
Mary & me out to swim
moment to observe. At 4
we made ourselves
some tea & Johnnie Curtin
came to chop wood &
joined us in a cup. At
6 Woodie came back for
us. We had reported 1 plane
after supper, tried, I
just sat & finished ^{nothing}
at all.

Tuesday, December 16, 1941

350th day — 15 days follow

I had my breakfast in bed
& stayed there to read for
a while. But then I got
up & took my flower pic-
tures over to try to tempt
Helen Schwartz with them.
But she wasn't tempted.
So I went to the laundry
& started painting more
flower pictures! These are
just tiny ones to give
my S.S. girls. I worked
on them until nearly four
when Siegie came to take
me down town to see if J-
Wilkinson would buy the
big ones — no luck. After
supper I ironed & wrapped
up packages to send to
Bill & Beedie. Augie was +ing

Wednesday, December 17, 1941

351st day — 14 days follow

Wageam
left

352nd day — 13 days follow

Second day — 15 days follow

353rd day — 12 days follow

Saturday, December 20, 1941

354th day — 11 days follow

Sunday, December 21, 1941

355th day — 10 days follow

Monday, December 22, 1941

356th day — 9 days follow

Tuesday, December 23, 1941

357th day — 8 days follow

Wednesday, December 24, 1941

358th day — 7 days follow

Thursday, December 25, 1941

359th day — 6 days follow

Friday, December 26, 1941

360th day — 5 days follow

Saturday, December 27, 1941

361st day — 4 days follow

Sunday, December 28, 1941

362nd day — 3 days follow

Monday, December 29, 1941

363rd day — 2 days follow

Tuesday, December 30, 1941

364th day — 1 day follows

Wednesday, December 31, 1941

365th day — The last Day

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Jan. 28

Tues - sprinkled morning -
man came in. Cleared till
3:30 - ironed till waffle
time! Bed at 8 - read

Wed - Did Evagene's laundry
worked on corn fritter till
thread ran out. Wrote to
Beau. Hugie took us to
Hofman.

Thurs - Fooled around
in kitchen all morning.
Went with Hugie for radio.
R.C. at Reg's - started
Ernest Herringway - dance
at American Legion.

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Wed - Jan. 22.

Martha in afternoon -
started com foster in eve.
Thurs - Gwagean sick - Henry
helped me clean upstairs.
Reading club at Cat's -
Couldn't finish "The Voyage"
Hugie at club.

Fri - scrubbed & waxed
floors - Henry in school.

Sat. Washed & children
cleaned. They all went
to movies & took nap & then
worked on computer

Sun. S.S. - help helped
with beds. Cooked dinner.
Hugie took kids to feed birds.
I napped, but David here
with Mike. Late getting
home - Mike & I worried.
Read papers.

Mon. Washed. Took
nap & was wakened
by arrival of Heimer's chair.
Moved furniture around
Went to Scout dinner
Siege came in afterward

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Sun. Mar. 30 - Church at 8
S.S. - etc - Nap Hugie Ellen
walking - Aunt Julia & McC.

Mon. Washed - rainy

Tues. April fools - Washed
living room windows
Droned

Wed. Washed windows
was going to doctor ^{captain}
sick - was going to see
Mrs. Schwartz - Out
Read Post - Went to
Mrs. Schwartz eve.

Thurs - Church at 9
 Bathroom window
 & doors - R.C. at
 coat boxes. Church
 after supper - Mike
 & Harry here

Fri. Pedicured & gave
 Jack bath. Nap &
 read Life.



Sat - washed rain
 kids all out - napped
 & needle pointed.

CALENDAR

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Christmas presents received 1941

Hugie \$10 - succulent rabbit - lamp shades
 Beant Mary - calen, printing eleven May
 perfume, willow - typewriter
 Jennie - nightie
 Grace - soap & bread tray, dillies
 Aunt Maud - box of writing paper
 Aunt Mary - coat hangers
 Fred Mary - picture in frame
 Ellen - salad bowl & spoons
 Henry - racket
 Alice - pocket book
 Billy Beall - canary
 Evie

Peaches Digest
 Wife
 Aunt Julia \$5

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Sat. Washed & children
Sun. - church at 9
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JUNE MAY APRIL MAR. FEB. JAN.

Mon. P.M. 12th - china closet
Wed - attic
Fri - my bedroom
Mon. 19th - dressing room, bath, hall
Wed - boys room
Fri - Ellen's room
Mon. 26th - guest room, bath
Wed. - living room
Fri. 9th - kitchen cupboard
July 9 - hall & stairs
11 - lower hall
16 - library & d. room
18 - kitchen

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